

Schools Block – School Funding Formula Factors 2020/21

£139.488m is the post de-delegated funding to mainstream schools and academies. This is allocated through the Local Authority's funding formula as follows:

Formula Factor	£k
Basic Entitlement (age weighted pupil units)	104,764
Deprivation	13,232
Low Attainment	9,036
English as an Additional Language	1,278
Lump Sum	8,060
Mobility	100
Premises (including rates, split sites)	3,508
Minimum Funding Per Pupil	741
Exceptional Circumstances	34
Total (pre de-delegation)	140,753
De-delegation – Exception 1	(1,265)
Total Schools Block Allocation to Mainstream Schools	139,488

The basis for making each of these allocations is as follows:

a) Basic Entitlement

This is the basic funding per pupil – often referred to as age weighted pupil units. In 2020/21 the unit rates of funding are set at £2,907 for each primary age pupil and £4,370 for each secondary age pupil. The pupil count is taken as at the October 2019 school census.

b) Deprivation

This allocation is based on a combination of free school meals, ever-6 free school meals and the income deprivation affecting children index (IDACI). The 2020/21 financial year is the second year the LA is using this basket of indicators and is being applied in a way that demonstrates a gradual, stepped approach towards the proposed national funding formula.

c) Looked After Children

This factor is no longer operational as funding is now provided by the DfE through the Pupil Premium allocation.

d) Low Attainment

For primary schools, this allocation is determined by the number of pupils in Years 1-6 who did not achieve a good level of development based on progress from the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile score. For secondary schools, the allocation is based on the number of pupils below the expected standard in reading or maths tests or writing teacher assessment for years 7-10. For pupils in year 11 the allocation is based on pupils not attaining Level 3 in either English or Maths at KS2.

e) English as an Additional Language

Schools are allocated funding based on the language code entered against pupils on the October 2019 census and where they have been in the school system for less than 3 years.

f) Mobility

This is a factor, introduced in 2016/17, allocating £100k across schools who have a mobile population (where pupils whose first entry was not on an October census and where the school total exceeds a threshold of more than 6%).

g) Lump sum

Each mainstream school is allocated a lump sum of £130k regardless of its size.

h) Premises

Brighton & Hove has adopted factors for split sites, rates and PFI to recognise the additional costs incurred by schools in these areas.

i) Minimum Funding Per Pupil

This relates to the introduction of the new mandatory factor to ensure that minimum funding per pupil (MFPP) levels (excluding premises factors) are set at £3,750 for primary schools and £5,000 for secondary schools.

The introduction of this factor means that the schools who have historically received the lowest levels of funding on a per-pupil basis will receive an additional allocation within their budget share to boost their funding levels to the minimum thresholds. This will particularly apply to schools that receive relatively low amounts of funding through the deprivation and low attainment formula factors

i) Other exceptional circumstances

Other allocation for specific circumstances – this relates to a mandatory rent for one school.