

APPENDIX A

Question 1

Do you agree that local authorities' applications for transfers from mainstream schools to local education budgets should identify their preferred form of adjustment to NFF allocations, from a standard short menu of options?

Do you have any other comments on the proposals for the operation of transfers of funding from mainstream schools to high needs?

Question 2

Do you agree that the direct NFF should include an indicative SEND budget, set nationally rather than locally?

Question 3

Do you have any comments on the proposals to place further requirements on how local authorities can operate their growth and falling rolls funding?

Question 4

Do you believe that the restriction that falling rolls funding can only be provided to schools judged "Good" or "Outstanding" by Ofsted should be removed?

Question 5

Do you have any comments on how we propose to allocate growth and falling rolls funding to local authorities?

Question 6

Do you agree that we should explicitly expand the use of growth and falling rolls funding to supporting local authorities in repurposing and removing space?

Question 7

Do you agree that the Government should favour a local, flexible approach over the national, standardised system for allocating growth and falling rolls funding; and that we should implement the changes for 2024-25?

Question 8

Do you have any comments on the proposed approach to popular growth?

Question 9

Do you agree we should allocate split site funding on the basis of both a schools' 'basic eligibility' and 'distance eligibility'?

Question 10

Do you agree with our proposed criteria for split site 'basic eligibility'?

Question 11

Do you agree with our proposed split site distance criterion of 500m?

Question 12

Do you agree with total available split sites funding being 60% of the NFF lump sum factor?

Question 13

Do you agree that distance eligibility should be funded at twice the rate of basic eligibility?

Question 14

Do you agree with our proposed approach to data collection on split sites?

Question 15

Do you have any comments on our proposed approach to split sites funding?

Question 16

Do you agree with our proposed approach to the exceptional circumstances factor?

Question 17

Do you have any comments on the proposed approach to exceptional circumstances?

Question 18

Do you agree that we should use local formulae baselines (actual GAG allocations, for academies) for the minimum funding guarantee (MFG) in the year that we transition to the direct NFF?

Question 19

Do you agree that we should move to using a simplified pupil-led funding protection for the MFG under the direct NFF?

Question 20

Do you have any comments on our proposals for the operation of the minimum funding guarantee under the direct NFF?

Question 21

What do you think would be most useful for schools to plan their budgets before they receive confirmation of their final allocations: (i) notional allocations, or (ii) a calculator tool?

Question 22

Do you have any comments on our proposals for the funding cycle in the direct NFF, including how we could provide early information to schools to help their budget planning?

Question 23

Do you have any comments on the two options presented for data collections in regards to school reorganisations and pupil numbers? When would this information be available to local authorities to submit to DfE?

Question 24

Regarding de-delegation, would you prefer the Department to undertake one single data collection in March covering all local authorities, or several smaller bespoke data collections for mid-year converters?

Question 25

Do you have any other comments on our proposals regarding the timing and nature of data collections to be carried out under a direct NFF?