

## Schools Forum 6 October 2022

Summary of schools' responses to the September 2022 school and early years funding consultation.

### School funding proposals

The table below shows the number and proportion of schools supporting or opposing the individual consultation proposals.

Questions 14-16 are relevant to maintained mainstream schools only.

Question	Results Primary	Results Secondary	Results special	Results PRUs	Overall results	Results for mainstream schools
7 Do you support the transfer of 1% of the schools block allocation to the high needs block in 2023/24, in order to support the implementation of the safety valve agreement which secures additional funding towards the historic high needs deficit? (Section C1)	Yes 35 No 49 No views 4	Yes 7 No 12 No views 0	Yes 4 No 0 No views 0	Yes 3 No 0 No views 0	Yes 49 No 61 No views 4	Yes 42 No 61 No views 4
8 Of the proposals listed in section C2 for the 2023/24 formula do you think Proposal A better meets the need of Surrey schools?(Section C2.1) (Note: proposal A had higher deprivation funding than proposal B. Schools were asked to express a preference between them)	Yes 38	Yes 12	Yes 4	Yes 3	Yes 57	Yes 50

Question	Results Primary	Results Secondary	Results special	Results PRUs	Overall results	Results for mainstream schools
OR 8b Of the proposals listed in section C2 for the 2023/24 formula do you think Proposal B better meets the need of Surrey schools ?(Section C2.1)	Yes 39	Yes 1	Yes 0	Yes 0	Yes 40	Yes 40
9 Do you support the proposed “reserve” proposals for MFG and formula factors, in the event that no block transfer is approved? (see section C2.1) Basically this was full NFF apart from lump sum	Yes 52 No 23 No views 13	Yes 12 No 2 No views 5	Yes 4 No 0 No views 0	Yes 3 No 0 No views 0	Yes 71 No 25 No views 18	Yes 64 No 25 No views 18
10 Do you agree that a ceiling on large (per pupil) gains should be used, if necessary, in order to manage any increase in the cost of additional needs when October 2022 data is available? (Section C2.2)	Yes 66 No 16 No views 6	Yes 16 No 2 No views 1	Yes 4 No 0 No views 0	Yes 3 No 0 No views 0	Yes 89 No 18 No views 7	Yes 82 No 18 No views 7
11 Do you agree that any ceiling should be set at such a level as to minimise the impact on small schools?	Yes 77 No 8 No views 3	Yes 15 No 2 No views 2	Yes 4 No 0 No views 0	Yes 3 No 0 No views 0	Yes 99 No 10 No views 5	Yes 92 No 10 No views 5
13 Do you support increasing the current lump sums in line with the increase in other factor rates, in order to assist small schools? (Which means that they will remain above NFF rates	Yes 72 No 9 No views 7	Yes 12 No 4 No views 3	Yes 4 No 0 No views 0	Yes 3 No 0 No views 0	Yes 91 No 13 No views 10	Yes 84 No 13 No views 10

Question	Results Primary	Results Secondary	Results special	Results PRUs	Overall results	Results for mainstream schools
14 Do you support the deduction of £12.65 per pupil/place from maintained schools' budgets (an increase of £6.15/pupil compared to 2022/23) in order to maintain statutory school improvement services to Surrey LA maintained schools? (section C3)	Yes 20 No 28 No views 3	Yes 1 No 3 No views 0	Yes 1 No 0 No views 0	No responses	Yes 22 No 31 No views 3	Yes 21 No 31 No views 3
Do you support continued deduction of £8.75/pupil from the budget of maintained schools, to fund additional school improvement support such as that described above?	Yes 27 No 19 No views 5	Yes 1 No 2 No views 1	Yes 1 No 0 No views 0	No responses	Yes 29 No 21 No views 6	Yes 28 No 21 No views 6
16a Do you support continued de-delegation of funding for specialist teachers?	Yes 38 No 8 No views 5	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable
16b Do you support continued de-delegation of funding for ESS SIMS licences?	Yes 42 No 4 No views 5	Yes 3 No 0 No views 1	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
16c Do you support continued de-delegation of funding for union facilities time?	Yes 35 No 7 No views 9	Yes 2 No 1 No views 1	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
16d Do you support continued de-delegation of funding for other special staff costs?	Yes 31 No 8 No views 12	Yes 2 No 1 No views 1	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
16e Do you support continued de-delegation of funding for free school meals eligibility checking?	Yes 46 No 3 No views 2	Yes 2 No 1 No views 1	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

Question	Results Primary	Results Secondary	Results special	Results PRUs	Overall results	Results for mainstream schools
16f Do you support continued de-delegation of funding for support to travellers	Yes 39 No 9 No views 3	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

Note: not all schools answered every question. “No views” means that schools selected that option, and excludes schools which did not answer that question.

### Early years funding proposals

Responses are shown for private, voluntary and independent providers, for school based providers and in total. There were 64 responses. Not all respondents answered all questions.

Question	Responses: yes	Responses: no	Responses: no view
Question E1.1 Do you agree that 100% of the DfE funding for 2-year-olds should continue to be passed on to providers through the hourly rate?	PVI 40 Schools 16 Total 56	PVI 1 Schools 2 Total 3	PVI 0 Schools 5 Total 5
Question E1.2 Do you support the proposals for setting the 2 year old hourly rate, in order to ensure that the budget for 2 year olds can break even while maximising the opportunity for children to take up the 2 year old offer?	PVI 41 schools 23 total 64	None	None
Question E2.1 Do you agree that the whole of any increase in the DfE hourly funding rate for 3–4-year-olds should be used to increase the hourly rate to providers?	PVI 35 Schools 13 Total 48	PVI 2 Schools 2 Total 4	PVI 4 Schools 8 Total 12

Question	Responses: yes	Responses: no	Responses: no view
Question E2.2 Do you agree that there should be a further increase of 6p/hr in the basic rate over and above the DfE increase?	PVI 40 Schools 23 Total 63	PVI 1 Schools 0 Total 1	None
Question E2.3 Do you agree that the current basis and level of deprivation funding for 3–4-year-olds should be maintained?	PVI 36 Schools 23 Total 59	PVI 2 Schools 0 Total 2	PVI 3 Schools 0 Total 3
Question E3 Do you support maintaining the Early Intervention Fund (EIF) at the current level for the next financial year?	PVI 36 Schools 22 Total 58	PVI 4 Schools 1 Total 5	PVI 1 Schools 0 Total 1
Question E4 Do you agree that there should be an additional supplement of 27p/hr for state-maintained providers who are required to employ (and actually do employ) qualified nursery teachers, in order to preserve the funding previously allocated to these providers through separate grants?	PVI 19 Schools 22 Total 41	PVI 11 Schools 1 Total 12	PVI 11 Schools 0 Total 11
Question E5 Do you support the continued retention of 5% of funding for 3–4-year-olds to administrate the funding and provide support to the sector?	PVI 31 Schools 17 Total 48	PVI 9 Schools 6 Total 15	PVI 1 Schools 0 Total 1

Question	Responses: yes	Responses: no	Responses: no view
Question E6 Do you support the continued provision of an Inclusion Fund for 2 year olds, funded from the 5% centrally retained funds for 3 and 4 year olds?	PVI 30 Schools 16 Total 46	PVI 7 Schools 4 Total 11	PVI 4 Schools 3 Total 7
Question E7 Do you support linking the funding rate for free meals provision for entitled pupils in state-maintained nursery schools and classes to the national funding formula rate for free meals in primary schools?	PVI 23 Schools 22 Total 45	PVI 3 Schools 1 Total 4	PVI 15 Schools 0 Total 15
Question E8 Do you agree with the proposals for distribution of maintained nursery school supplementary funding from the DfE	PVI 30 Schools 16 Total 46	PVI 7 Schools 4 Total 11	PVI 4 Schools 3 Total 7