

# Notes on the school initial budget allocations for financial year April 2015 – March 2016

The notes below give more detail on the initial ('original') budget allocations to Barnet schools. Funding was published on the [Barnet website](#) in February 2015 to allow schools to develop their budgets for the new financial year. However at this stage some of the allocations are estimated and so there will be termly updates as more information becomes available. The updates are designed to fit in with school forecasting activities. The final allocations will be provided in February 2016 when schools will be finalising their accounts at the end of year.

## Funding system

The funding reports are similar to those in 2014/15 with the exception that the Home page where the user chooses a school now has the details of all funding streams, rather than just the CFR summary. The calculation of the budget share is shown on a separate report. Some reports have a termly breakdown to help academies plan their budgets.

Report Name	Notes
<b>NEWS</b>	Important notes about funding streams and any changes that are made since the previous release – always check this when a new version is released
<b>HOME</b>	Use this page to choose the school you wish to look at and see the complete list of expected funding. This does not include funding for 2 year olds, capital funding (except Devolved Formula Capital) or any other exceptional payments, for example fair access or schools causing concern. This report also shows the original and final allocations under each category in 2014/15 for comparison, and also as a reminder for any grant allocations which the school may expect but are not yet announced.
<b>BUDGET SHARE (includes termly breakdown)</b>	This report shows the calculation of the school's <b>budget share</b> as submitted to the Education Funding Agency (EFA) in January 2015. The data used for this is provided by the EFA from the October census. The funding formula is the same in 2015/16 as 2014/15 with the exception of the Age Weighted Pupil Unit in 2015/16 which is £23 lower. This is because there was a one-off addition to the rate in 2014/15 brought forward from an underspend in 2012/13. For LA maintained schools, <b>de-delegation</b> is also shown. This is money schools have agreed to de-delegate back to the local authority to provide certain services. For primary schools these are Narrowing the Gap, Trade Union facilities time and Behaviour Support (HIST team). Secondary schools have not de-delegated Behaviour Support. Salary safeguarding is no longer de-delegated by primary or secondary schools. For <b>academies</b> , which receive their funding directly from the EFA, the budget share is the amount that will be recouped from Barnet by the EFA. It may not be the same as that paid to the academy in their General Annual Grant (GAG) Please note that <b>NNDR</b> (Business Rate) allocations have been estimated on

	known 2014/15 payments. If your school's bill is different from the allocation, please send a copy to the School Funding Team and an adjustment will be made. VA and Foundation schools receive 100% relief from NNDR, but if this is reduced to 80% in <b>2016/17</b> , the amount will be reimbursed through the funding formula.
<b>MFG</b>	This shows the calculation of the Minimum Funding Guarantee or Cap. Schools are protected from losing more than 1.5% per pupil year on year in the funding formula. This is balanced by capping schools with gains per pupil of more than +0.5%.
<b>PAYMENTS</b>	Schedule of payments the school should receive for each funding stream each month, under their chosen option with Schools Accountancy, or via regular payments from the School Funding Team. A monthly CFR summary is displayed at the bottom of the page to aid coding in your school finance system.
<b>CFR</b>	Summary of all funding by CFR code.
<b>PUPILS</b>	This shows the school's census from October 2014 as well as funded pupils which may be slightly different. Please note that the number of places in additional resourced provision is excluded from the budget share as these are funded at £10,000 per place.
<b>TOP-UPS (includes termly breakdown)</b>	Details of the way high needs top-ups have been estimated. Each term the amounts will be adjusted for individual Barnet children on roll, so we appreciate the prompt return of high need pupils lists to the SEN team each term.
	Top-ups are funded in whole months starting from the month following the date the child is admitted and ceasing at the end of the month the child leaves. A child leaving at the end of July is funded until the end of August.
	Schools with a child on roll holding a statement from another local authority should apply to that authority for top-up funding.
<b>NOTIONAL SEN</b>	The calculation of the notional SEN funding for each school as required by the DfE.
<b>HIGHNEEDS (includes termly breakdown)</b>	This report is only applicable to special schools, PRUs and mainstream schools with additional resourced provision. It shows the agreed number of places funded each term for the coming year.
<b>HN Rates</b>	The current rates for base place funding and different types of top-ups.
<b>SIXTHFORM</b>	Further details of sixth form funding for community and VA schools will appear here. The EFA has not yet announced funding for the academic year 2015/16 so the amounts have been estimated.
<b>GROWTH</b>	Growth in pupils at schools opening new year groups is funded through the budget share using estimated pupil numbers, but schools opening new classes (either single bulges or permanent expansions) receive a lump sum.
	Schools (except free schools) opening new year groups receive a startup grant in the first year and 'diseconomies' funding until there are children in all year groups. (Free schools receive this type of funding directly from the EFA).
	Growth funding has been allocated where a firm agreement on extra places has been made with the local authority and will be updated for any future decisions.
	Academies which received bulge class or expansion funding in one year, receive an additional allowance ('Prior Year Growth') for the following

	summer term to recognise the fact that the budget share based on the October census is not reflected in their funding until the following September.
<b>EARLYYEARS (includes termly breakdown)</b>	Early years funding is calculated on the termly census and any adjustments for leavers or joiners submitted after the census. Initially the termly funding is estimated on historical take up of the free entitlement to early education (FEEE) by 3 and 4 year olds, but is adjusted for claims each term.
	The Early Years funding formula remains the same as 2014/15 with the following exceptions: a) The hourly rate is 2p less in 2015/16 as the temporary increase in 2014/15 came from an underspend in 2012/13. b) The nursery school subsidy has been reduced by 50%.
	Nursery age children cannot be funded until the term following their third birthday. Cut off dates of birth are 31Mar15, 31Aug15, 31Dec15.
	Academy census data often lags behind that of maintained schools, and this in turn holds up funding for all early years establishments as duplicate checks have to be carried out first. We appreciate the help of academies in submitting the list of nursery age pupils directly to Barnet to meet the funding deadlines, as well as via the Collect system.
<b>PUPIL PREMIUM</b>	There are now 5 streams in the pupil premium, but where a child is eligible for more than one, s/he will be funded at the highest rate applicable. The premium only applies to children in year groups Reception to Year 11, apart from the Early Years premium for 3 and 4 year olds. Lists of eligible children for grants 1, 2 and 4 are published by the EFA on the <a href="#">Key to Success</a> website.
	<b>1 - 'Ever 6 free school meals'</b> – calculated by the EFA based on the January 15 census. The rates are £1320 primary and £935 secondary. As individual school allocations have not yet been announced, this funding has been estimated on the basis of the autumn census FSM6 figure.
	<b>2 – Service children</b> (i.e. those with parents in the armed forces) – the rate remains at £300 per annum. We have not provided an estimate as the number of eligible schools is small.
	<b>3 – Early Years Pupil Premium</b> – a new grant payable for eligible children claiming FEEE from 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2015. Data will be taken from the termly census so no estimates have been made in advance. The rate is 52.6p per hour per child. To maximise income, schools should ensure that they have checked all nursery children against the <a href="#">eligibility criteria</a> .
	<b>4 – Post LAC</b> - £1900 per annum for children adopted from care or subject to a special guardianship or residency order (SGO/RO). No estimates provided in advance of EFA announcements
	<b>5 – Looked After Children</b> – a maximum of £1900 per child looked after by the London Borough of Barnet. This funding is managed by the Barnet Virtual School and released termly. The amount is usually £500 per term, with £400pa retained for discretionary payments by the Virtual School. Schools with non-Barnet looked after children on roll should apply to the child's home authority for funding.
<b>GRANTS</b>	The <b>Devolved Formula Capital grant allocations</b> were published by the EFA in February and have been included in the 2015/16 report.
	<b>PE Grant</b> – this grant is allocated by the EFA based on the academic year. Allocations shown are the summer term amounts announced last autumn.

	<p><b>Universal Infant Free School Meals</b> – interim allocations were made to schools for the autumn 14 and spring 15 terms, and for the 15/16 reports they have been grossed up to a full year amount. However the final allocations will be calculated by the EFA based on actual take-up and will be available later this year.</p> <p><b>Year 7 catchup</b> (secondary schools) – no estimates</p> <p><b>Summer schools</b> – no estimates</p>
<b>BARNETREPORT</b>	This report covers all schools and shows the total amount allocated for each funding stream.
<b>COMPARE</b>	Schools can use this report to see how their funding compares with other schools. It is set automatically on the age weighted pupil unit (AWPU), but you can choose any type of funding from the drop down box.

If you have any queries about your funding allocations, please contact the School Funding Team at [schoolfunding@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:schoolfunding@barnet.gov.uk) or on 020 8359 7618 / 7636 / 7377 / 7378. The website address is [www.barnet.gov.uk/school-funding](http://www.barnet.gov.uk/school-funding)