

DARLINGTON SCHOOLS FORUM

12th January 2021

ITEM NO. Agenda Item 4 Appendix 3

**SCHOOL FUNDING FORMULA 2021/22
TRANSFER OF FUNDING FROM THE SCHOOLS BLOCK TO THE HIGH NEEDS
BLOCK.**

Questionnaire

The Local Authority is seeking to transfer 0.5% of the schools block into the high needs block in 2021/22 in order to assist with high needs pressures as outlined within the attached report.

The Local Authority wishes to continue previous School Forum decisions regarding the make up of the Darlington school budget share formula and to implement the new increased NFF rates for 2021/22 as far as possible within this transfer.

Before presenting the final proposal to schools and School Forum for approval in January, the Local Authority is seeking schools views on proposals to move funds between the blocks.

In order to get a representation of as many schools views as possible regarding the proposed transfer, please could schools provide answers to the following questions.

Please could these be returned to the Local Authority by **Monday 4th January.**

Please email the below (or answers to the below) to brett.nielsen@darlington.gov.uk

School Name

1. Does your school support a 0.5 % transfer from the schools' block to the high needs block in 2021/22, to assist with high needs pressures, if this can be achieved without reducing any of the new increased NFF rates in the 2021/22 formula?

YES
NO

Reason

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2. Does your school support a 0.5 % transfer from the schools’ block to the high needs block in 2021/22, to assist with high needs pressures, if this means that some of the new increased NFF rates for 2021/22 will have to be slightly reduced in the 2021/22 formula?

YES

NO – if no, please see question 3

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3. Does your school support a lower transfer from the schools’ block to the high needs block in 2021/22, to assist with high needs pressures, up to the maximum achievable whilst still implementing the new increased NFF rates for 2021/22?

This transfer would be capped at 0.5%.

(i.e. the transfer would be the difference between the 2021/22 formula and school block allocation, plus any previous years underspend capped at 0.5% as per the transfer limit).

YES

NO – if no, please see question 4

Reason

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4. If your schools do not support any of the transfers suggested in question 1 to 3, do you support a transfer in 2021/22 from the schools’ block to the high needs block? If so, at what level would your school be willing to support?

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