

Appendix B - DfE new guideline of Split Site funding

Split Site funding – DfE guidelines for 2024/25 - In 2024 to 2025 we are introducing a national formulaic approach to split sites funding, which replaces the previous local authority-led approach. The new split sites factor is compulsory for all local authorities, ensuring that split sites funding will be allocated consistently and fairly across the country. Local authorities are required to set their split sites factor values within the 2.5% mirroring threshold for the NFF.

The factor is made up of 2 parts, both of which are compulsory:

- basic eligibility funding: schools must be allocated a lump sum payment for each of their additional eligible sites.
- distance funding: additional funding must be paid out on top of the basic eligibility lump sum for schools whose eligible sites are separated by more than 100 metres (by road distance) from the main site.

The basic eligibility criteria for split sites funding requires additional sites to:

- be part of the main school, that is, to share the same unique reference number (URN) with the school's main site.
- be separated from the school's main site by a public road or railway.
- have a building on them which is maintained by the school, and which is primarily used for the education of 5 to 16- year-old pupils in mainstream education. This excludes playing fields, 'ancillary buildings' and buildings leased out full time by the school to another entity

Illustration of split site distance factor from 500 to 100 metres.

Distance from Main site in Metres	Distance Weighting	24-25 NFF including ACA	Amount Payable
500.00	1.00	29,146.69	29,146.69
400.00	0.75	29,146.69	21,860.02
300.00	0.50	29,146.69	14,573.34
200.00	0.25	29,146.69	7,286.67
100.00	0.00	29,146.69	0.00