

ITEM 4 - Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) School Funding Formula – 2021/22 Split Sites factor

Schools Forum –

Recommendation

The Schools Forum is asked to:

- (1) To review and agree on the criteria of the formula factor for 2021/22 split sites
- (2) To review and agree the amount of funding to be awarded to the four split site schools

Members of Forum allowed to vote:- All school and academy members are able to vote. Only early years representatives from the non schools members are able to vote. Non-school members even if represented by school staff are not eligible to vote.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The current growth criteria is illustrated in Appendix A and has been used by Croydon to distribute funding for in-borough pupil growth and ongoing support.
- 1.2 The criteria was agreed by Schools Forum 5th October 2020. The purpose of this paper is to review one element of it the Split Site Factor

2. Premises factor – Split sites

- 2.1 The premises factor within the National Funding Formula (NFF) is made up of, PFI factor, rates, split sites and exceptional circumstances. Within Croydon local factors the element for split sites has been worked out via the criteria set within growth. The rationale for this is because the split site funding for the years 1 to 4 was funded from the growth fund.
- 2.2 There is no NFF rate set for the split site factor. The actual premises funding for the 2021-22 NFF allocation to the LA is to use the levels of funding given via the LAs' 2020-21 Authority Proforma Tool (APT) with an uplift of the PFI factor in line with inflation using RPIX data (retail prices index for all items excluding mortgage interest).
- 2.3 Table 1 is a summary of the schools that have split sites and the allocation amount as per the draft APT. As the schools are beyond year 4 the funding no longer funded via the Growth fund and is the set £35k per annum

Table 1: Split site schools

	School	Budget 2021/22
3062046	West Thornton Primary Academy	35,000
3062048	Whitehorse Manor Infant School	35,000
3062114	Cypress Primary School	35,000
3066909	Oasis Academy Shirley Park	35,000
	Total	140,000

3. Split sites criteria

3.1 This is an optional factor used to support schools that have additional unavoidable costs because the school buildings are on separate sites, the guidance states the allocations must be based on objective criteria for the definition of a split site and for how much is paid.

3.2 In order to receive split site funding the following criteria must be met in full:

3.2.1 The two or more sites must belong to a single school that by definition has one DfE number.

3.2.2 The two or more stand alone sites are not physically connected or directly accessed from another part of the school.

3.2.3 Each site has its own reception that is consistent in appearance with a reception for a one site school.

3.2.4 Over 18 % of the school's curriculum for pupils in the age range R to 11 are taught on the site

4. Future strategy for split sites factor

As this is an optional factor for the future APT workings this factor will be reviewed as an individual premises factor rather than through the Growth funding criteria.

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Appendix: Growth Funding Criteria**Appendix A: Agreed Growth Factors**

Criteria	2020/21 Criteria
Start Up	£150k for both primary and secondary
Split Site	£150k in the first year
Inefficiency Factors	To reduce the current lump sum in equal instalments over the remaining forms post year 1. As laid out in tables two and three below.
Bulge	Allocate based on 30 pupils x APWU x AEN
Expansion Classes	As Above
Contingency	If numbers were below 30 in January census to look to adjust funding to a cap of 25
Equipment	£5k

Appendix B: Start Up - Inefficiency factor for new build schools

The principle is that when Schools get to a total of 7 classes Schools are funded entirely from formula factors – AWPU & Lump sum. The funding would be based on the number of classes unfilled before Schools reach 7 (primary) or 5 (secondary) as a percentage of the initial sum. All calculations are rounded to nearest £1K.

Years after establishment	Primary	
Year 1	Start up	£150K
Year 2	5/6 – Inefficiency	£125K
Year 3	4/6 - Inefficiency	£100K
Year 4	3/6 - Inefficiency	£75K
Year 5	2/6 - Inefficiency	£50K
Year 6	1/6 - Inefficiency	£25K
Year 7	0 - Inefficiency	£0
Years after establishment	Secondary	
Year 1	Start up	£150K
Year 2	3/4 - Inefficiency	£112.5K
Year 3	2/4 – Inefficiency	£75K
Year 4	1/4 - Inefficiency	£37.5K
Year 5	0 - Inefficiency	£0

Appendix C: Start-Up Inefficiency factor for annexes

The principle is that the inefficiency factor reduces until it reaches the same level as split site factor.

Years after establishment	Split Site Primary Annex	
Year 1	Start up	£150K
Year 2	5/6 – Inefficiency	£125K
Year 3	4/6 - Inefficiency	£100K
Year 4	3/6 - Inefficiency	£75K
Year 5	Split site factor (distance dependent)	£30 / (£35k)
Year 6	Split site factor (distance dependent)	£30 / (£35k)

Years after establishment	Split Site Secondary Annex	
Year 1	Start up	£150K
Year 2	3/4 - Inefficiency	£112.5K
Year 3	2/4 – Inefficiency	£75K
Year 4	1/4 - Inefficiency	£37.5K
Year 5	Split site factor (distance dependent)	£30/ (£35k)

The differences between split site and start-up funding in years 1 to 4 would be funded from the growth fund.