

Split Site Funding Policy

2022/23

The split site funding policy is agreed by Schools Forum to assist Lancashire schools and academies in meeting additional costs incurred by the necessity to operate across more than one site to meet statutory basic need for the authority. Schools that are considered to be operating on split sites are where the authority has specifically requested a school to expand onto a second site to fulfil statutory basic needs places, but does not include those that have decided to admit increased numbers, even where the authority has accepted or allowed the school to increase its Published Admission Number (PAN).

A school will only be eligible to qualify under one of the following criteria and cannot make multiple claims.

A split-site school is defined as an establishment teaching year R to 6 and/or year 7 to 11, with one headteacher and more than one main building in full-time teaching use where the main buildings occupy discrete curtilages separated by a physical barrier which necessitates unavoidable additional teaching, equipment and administrative costs over and above those incurred in a single curtilage (single site) school. (Curtilage = area attached to a building as part of its enclosure).

Criteria 1: Higher rate split site funding - amount £40,433

- A school whose fully timetabled buildings are 300 metres apart or more is eligible for the higher rate split site funding.
This measurement will be based on the following factors:
 - Main gates will be used as the start and end point of the measurement.
 - Route between sites will be judged by shortest safe route via walking route.
- At least one whole year group must receive the majority of their timetabled provision on the second site.
- The main site must be fully timetabled by the school in the school day, as a school claiming funding should not normally be sharing their classrooms with outside sources.

Criteria 2 - Lower rate split site funding - amount £20,217

- Where a school does not qualify under criteria 1 but has two fully timetabled separate sites which are very close but divided by at least one public right of way a lower rate of funding will be allocated. Funding allocated will assist schools to provide additional support for children who may need to cross at least one public right of way to the second site during the school day.
- Criteria 2 payments will only be allocated to schools that have a second site but do not qualify for criteria 1.

Criteria 3 - Minimum rate split site funding - amount £10,108

- Where a school does not qualify under criteria 1 or 2 but does have a separate partially timetabled indoor site which is divided by at least one public right of way a minimum rate split funding will be allocated.
- Funding allocated will assist schools to provide additional support for operating a second site during the school day.

- Criteria 3 payments will only be allocated to schools that have a second site but do not qualify for criteria 1 or 2.

Exemptions

The split site policy excludes:

- A school that has detached playing field;
- A school that has only separate nursery provision or sixth form provision on a different site;
- Nursery schools, Special Schools and Pupil Referral Units are excluded, as the funding stream comes from the Schools Block.

Applications

- Applications for new split site criteria must be received by 30 June each year to be considered for inclusion in the following financial year. Please email schoolsforum@lancashire.gov.uk

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