

**LANCASHIRE SCHOOLS FORUM**  
**Date of meeting 5 July 2022**

**Item No 7**

**Title: Recommendations of the Schools Block Working Group**

**Appendices A-D refer**

**Executive Summary**

On 21 June 2022, the Schools Block Working Group considered a number of reports, including:

- 2021/22 Schools Budget Outturn Report;
- School Balances and Clawback 2021/22;
- Schools Forum Annual Report 2021/22;
- : De-Delegation Proposals 2023/24;
- Completing the reforms to the National Funding Formula: Government consultation response;
- Schools Bill 2022;
- Implementing The Direct National Funding Formula Consultation;
- Scheme for Financing Schools in Lancashire;
- Schools Supplementary Grant 2022 to 2023;
- Growth Fund Policy Update;
- Split Site Funding Appeal.

A summary of the information presented, and the Working Group's recommendations are provided in this report.

**Recommendations**

**The Forum is asked to:**

- a) **Note the report from the Schools Block Working Group held on 21 June 2022;**
- b) **Ratify the Working Group's recommendations.**

## **Background**

On 21 June 2022, the Schools Block Working Group considered a number of reports. A summary of the information presented, and the Working Group's recommendations are provided below:

### **1. 2021/22 Schools Budget Outturn Report**

This report provided the Working Groups with details of the 2021/22 Schools Budget final financial outturn position, in relation to each funding block. A copy of the full report presented to the working group is provided at **Appendix A**.

The Overall Schools Budget outturn position for 2021/22 showed an underspend of circa £8.4m.

Further details were provided in connection with each funding block and members concentrated on the Schools Block and Central School Services Block positions. It was noted that the outturn position for the 2021/22 Schools Block revealed a circa £0.4m underspend. Some key highlights included:

#### *Maintained Schools/Academy Recoupment*

The total Schools Block expenditure on maintained schools for 2021/22 underspent by circa £3.0m which is mainly due to academy recoupment increasing by circa £2.4m during the year, as schools converted to academies.

The remaining variance of circa £0.6m, the difference between the 2 figures, is mainly due to an underspend on the growth fund.

It was noted that the budget and actual figures incorporate the agreed £2m transfer from the Schools Block to the Early Years Block.

#### *Rates Rebates*

The rates rebate budget estimated a £75k level of income from rateable value challenges throughout the year, but there was actually net expenditure of around £125k against this budget line, giving a total variance of just over £200k. Expenditure relates to a contribution to the LCC Estates team to facilitate the school rateable value challenges and the payment of rates rebates to schools in accordance with the Forum policy.

Members noted that the outturn position on the rates rebates budget for 2020/21 was a circa £86k overspend, but the budget generated a circa £500k surplus in 2019/20. As we are at the end of the current ratings cycle, there are reduced opportunities for rateable value appeals, but over the lifetime of the current schools forum policy, the arrangements had generated significantly more income than has been paid out.

### **The Working Group is asked to:**

- a) Note the report and the 2021/22 Schools Budget final financial outturn position.**

## 2. School Balances and Clawback 2021/22

This report set out the year end position of schools' delegated budgets at 31 March 2022. A copy of the full report presented to the working group is provided at **Appendix B**.

The final outturn position against schools delegated budgets at 31 March 2022 was an underspend of £5.173m. This meant that school balances had increased by £5.173m in 2021/22, to a total of £95.325m.

Further details were provided, and members concentrated on the Schools Block schools. It was noted that, in total 21 schools were in deficit at March 2022, the lowest number since March 2015.

It was also noted that the year end position did include grant funding from DfE that was allocated on an academic year basis and analysis provided by schools about their year end position at 31 March 2022 indicated that circa £28m of total balances are classed as 'committed'.

### *School Balances and Clawback Policy 2022/23*

Whilst clawback has been suspended on year end balances at March 2020, 2021 and 2022, the guideline balance policy remained unchanged, as follows:

- 12% of Consistent Financial Reporting (CFR) income for all phases of maintained school
- A £60,000 minimum balance threshold will be applied.

The group were asked to consider the school balances and clawback policy to be applied at 31 March 2023. A number of schools balances and clawback options were available, and the group considered the possibilities. Individual members spoke both for and against the reintroduction of clawback, and highlighted various issues, including the reduced impact of Covid on school funding, but the increased inflationary costs pressures facing the sector.. In addition, the number of schools with 12% balances or over was emphasised, although it was noted that this did not take account of DfE grants allocated on an academic year basis, which would be excluded from clawback, the level of committed balances in year end reserves, or the fact that schools would take different spending decision if a clawback mechanism was in place.

### *Clawback Exemption Request 2022/23*

Members also considered an exemption from clawback for a Lancashire secondary school that has been saving funding towards a sports hall. .

### *Schools Budget Reserves 2021/22*

The 31 March 2022 position on Schools Budget Reserves was also considered, and it was noted that the total of all schools reserves was £126.872m, an increase of circa £16m.

Members considered questions posed around the School Teaching and Support Staff Supply Reimbursement Scheme reserve, which ended the year with an underspend of circa £0.4m, leaving an outturn position of circa £2.3m. The overall in year position includes a surplus on the teacher scheme of just under £0.6m, which was offset by a circa £0.2m deficit on the support staff scheme.

The Forum had previously agreed that any year end balance above £1.25m should be redistributed to scheme members. The working group considered if £1.25m remained an appropriate maximum level for the reserve or if it should increase to say £1.5m.

Members discussed key issues highlighted in the report and made a number of recommendations.

#### **The Working Group:**

- a) **Noted the report;**
- b) **Noted the overall position on school balances at 31 March 2022, including the individual school level information provided in the report;**
- c) **On balance, recommended that clawback of revenue balances above the guideline figure should be reinstated at 31 March 2023, at previous levels:**
  - **A clawback rate of 50% is to be applied to any balance above guideline in the first year a school exceeds the guideline (after adjusting for exemptions);**
  - **A clawback rate of 100% is to be applied to any balance in excess of guideline where the guideline has been breached for two or more consecutive years (after adjusting for exemptions);**  
(Note: As clawback was suspended in 2021/22, no school would be subject to the 100% clawback rate in 2022/23).
- d) **Recommended that the minimum balance threshold of £60,000 be increased, to offer greater protection for small schools, to £70,000 or £75,000;**
- e) **Recommended that the reintroduction of clawback be kept under review to assess the impact on Lancashire schools;**
- f) **Supported a clawback exemption applying to a Lancashire secondary school saving towards a sports hall project;**
- g) **Noted the underspend on the supply scheme budget at 31 March 2022 and recommended that the level of scheme reserve be increased to £1.5m and any funding in excess of this at March 2022 be reimbursed to scheme members, on the basis of contribution levels to the teaching staff scheme only.**

*In connection with recommendation d) above, officers are recommending that the minimum balance threshold be increased to £75,000 for 2022/23, which will rebase the value to a level broadly equivalent to that when the threshold was last increased.*

### **3. Schools Forum Annual Report 2021/22**

Each year the Schools Forum publishes an annual report setting out items of business in which the Forum has been involved

A draft report for 2021/2022 was presented for consideration, and the HNB issues were highlighted.

#### **The Working Group:**

- a) **Noted the report;**
- b) **Recommend to the Schools Forum that the 2021/22 Annual Report be approved for publication.**

***A copy of the final version of the 2021/22 Annual Report is provided at Appendix C.***

#### **4. : De-Delegation Proposals 2023/24**

At this point, it is anticipated that the school funding framework will continue to allow service de-delegations in 2023/24. Funding for de-delegated services must be allocated through the schools block formula but can be de-delegated for maintained mainstream primary and secondary schools. The DfE's operational guidance for 2023/24 will normally be issued in July 2022 and will confirm the final funding arrangements from April 2023.

De-delegations must be approved on an annual basis by the Forum and be subject to consultation with maintained primary and secondary schools.

In accordance with normal practice, it is envisaged that a de-delegation consultation will be issued to maintained primary and secondary schools in early September 2022, with responses being reported to the meeting on 18 October 2022, at which time the Forum will be asked to make formal decisions, by phase, on each de-delegation proposal.

In 2022/23, the Forum formally approved 4 service de-delegations, relating to:

- Staff costs – Public Duties/Suspensions
- Heritage Learning Service - Primary Schools Only
- Support for Schools in Financial Difficulty
- Inclusion Hubs - Primary Schools Only

Relevant de-delegations were also offered to nursery schools, special schools and PRUs as pooled services buy-backs.

For 2023/24, the LA is again proposing to consult on the continuation of these four services as de-delegations, plus possibly a fifth service relating to school improvement activity. Further information was provided on each service.

##### *1. Staff costs – Public Duties/Suspensions*

In recent years the 'Staff costs – Public Duties/Suspensions' de-delegation proposals included various options around the treatment of trade union duties, including:

- a) Continue the 'Staff Costs - Public Duties/Suspensions' de-delegation using the existing policy
- b) Continue the 'Staff Costs - Public Duties/Suspensions' de-delegation but with a reduced Trade Union Facilities Time contribution to reflect a smaller workforce
- c) Continue the 'Staff Costs - Public Duties/Suspensions' de-delegation but without any Trade Union Facilities Time contribution
- d) Completely discontinue the 'Staff Costs - Public Duties/Suspensions' de-delegation

In considering this de-delegation each year, the Forum has also asked for information arising from an annual review of the trade union facilities time agreement and the latest report, which had been produced by Schools HR colleagues, and was provided for members. The report included information about the historical position of the facilities time agreement, the legal

requirements, recent union amalgamations and number of school staff supported from the de-delegation and how this has changed in recent years.

A further issue identified with Forum in relation to the 2022/23 de-delegation for this service related to the charging methodology, which originally utilised a per pupil rate plus a lump sum.

Members agreed that the original methodology disadvantaged small schools where the lump sum element generated a much larger proportion of the overall costs to individual schools. This was particularly evident in the primary phase. However, to reduce the turbulence in moving to the revised charging methodology, the Forum recommended that 2022/23 should be a transitional year, in which the lump sum was reduced by 50%, with the associated increases in per pupil rates. De-delegation charges 2022/23 were therefore set as follows:

<b>Phase</b>	<b>Lump Sum</b>	<b>Per Pupil Rate</b>
Primary	£225.00	£4.22
Secondary	£225.00	£5.87

Following the transitional year in 2022/23, the charging methodology should move to a purely Number on Roll (NOR) based calculation in 2023/24 and initial modelling indicates that the following de-delegation charges will be applied from April 2023:

<b>Phase</b>	<b>Lump Sum</b>	<b>Per Pupil Rate</b>
Primary	-	£5.34
Secondary	-	£6.13

## *2. Heritage Learning Team - Primary Schools Only*

The Schools Forum have historically supported the work the Heritage Learning Team undertakes for primary schools to help meet the national curriculum and to support wider cultural learning and learning outside the classroom.

It is again proposed to consult on the continued de-delegation of this service for 2023/24, at the same level as currently de-delegated of £1.97 per pupil, in the primary sector only

## *3. Support for Schools in Financial Difficulty (SIFD)*

It is again proposed to consult on the de-delegation of Support for Schools in Financial Difficulty (SIFD) 2023/24.

As with the 'staff costs' de-delegation, this service charging methodology originally included a lump sum element and the Forum recommended that this should move to a purely NOR basis, but with 2022/23 being a transitional year, to reduce the turbulence caused

For 2022/23, the de-delegation lump sum was reduced by 50%, with the per pupil rate increased accordingly. The de-delegation charges 2022/23 were therefore set as follows:

<b>Phase</b>	<b>Lump Sum</b>	<b>Per Pupil Rate</b>
Primary	£500.00	£8.39

Secondary	£500.00	£12.64
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Following the transitional year in 2022/23, the charging methodology should move to a purely Number on Roll (NOR) based calculation in 2023/24 and initial modelling indicates that the following de-delegation charges will be applied from April 2023:

Phase	Lump Sum	Per Pupil Rate
Primary	-	£10.87
Secondary	-	£13.22

An impact assessment has been undertaken based on the implementation of the purely NOR based methodology for this, and the 'Staff Costs' de-delegation and examples based around differing school sizes in both the primary and secondary phases are provided below:

Primary	Staff Costs Public Duties and Suspensions	Support for Schools in Financial Difficulty	Total
<b>Number of Pupils</b>	<b>No Lump Sum</b>	<b>No Lump Sum</b>	<b>No Lump Sum</b>
50	£169	£376	£545
100	£113	£252	£365
210	-£9	-£21	-£31
315	-£127	-£282	-£408
420	-£245	-£545	-£790
630	-£473	-£1,051	-£1,524

Secondary	Staff Costs Public Duties and Suspensions	Support for Schools in Financial Difficulty	Total
<b>Number of Pupils</b>	<b>No Lump Sum</b>	<b>No Lump Sum</b>	<b>No Lump Sum</b>
500	£92	£205	£297
700	£37	£83	£120
900	-£11	-£25	-£37
1100	-£63	-£140	-£202
1300	-£116	-£259	-£375
1500	-£176	-£391	-£567

#### 4. Inclusion Hubs – Primary Schools Only

The LA is also proposing to continue with de-delegation proposals for Primary Inclusion Hubs for 2023/24.

Early this term, District Inclusion Hub leads met with officers, in order to refine the Inclusion Hub offer, align objectives more closely with the Alternative Provision Strategy and provide a more consistent approach across the county. Officers present including the Head of Inclusion and Head of Schools Finance and a recently appoint consultant working on Alternative Provision.

Since the meeting, further discussions have taken place with the Principal Educational Psychologist, and there is a shared view that it would be helpful to work more collaboratively across respective professional disciplines and there is an interested in the development of relational approaches to improve outcomes for all children and young people and with a particular focus on those who are vulnerable to and at risk of exclusion. An opportunity is being explored to develop policy and practice, which can then be shared across schools in Lancashire.

In addition, the possibility of a more uniform approach to the evaluation of the work of the Inclusion Hubs, is being considered, to find ways of measuring inclusion (rather than just exclusions) and trying to create a uniform measure across Districts that are making different offers. The LA is supporting this work.

A further Cross-District Inclusion Hub Leads and professionals meeting was scheduled to take place on Wednesday 15th June at 1.30pm to about 3.15pm, via Zoom and forum members were invited to attend.

The proposed de-delegation rate in 2023/24 remains at £11 per pupil.

##### *5. School Improvement Functions*

The DfE issued a consultation in 2021 around 'Reforming how local authorities' school improvement functions are funded'. The consultation sought views on DfE proposals to

- Remove the School Improvement Monitoring & Brokering Grant, which was currently allocated to local authorities to support school improvement activities;
- Make provisions within the School and Early Years Finance (England) Regulations for the financial year (FY) 2022-23 to allow local authorities to fund all of their school improvement activity (including all core school improvement activities) via de-delegation from schools' budget shares.

A Forum response to the consultation was submitted raising a number of concerns about the proposals.

The Lancashire grant allocation for 2021/22 equated to just under £2m and DfE proposals indicate that this would be reduced by 50% in 2022/23, potentially leaving a £1m shortfall in school improvement funding from April 2022.

The Grant will cease totally from 2023/24.

On 11 January 2022, DfE issued response to consultation, indicating that they intended to proceed with their proposals.



The LA did not bring forward any de-delegation proposals for 2022/23 but is now considering the possibility of consulting on a new school improvement activity de-delegation from April 2023.

If the LA decides to proceed with a de-delegation proposal information will be included in the annual consultation with schools to be issued in September 2022 and details of the proposals and the school responses will be reported to the working group and Forum in September and October 2022.

The working group considered the 2023/24 proposals and discussed key issues. Members reiterated some concerns about inconsistency in the inclusion hub offer and the need for the sharing of best practice and the development of key performance indicators to be available to measure the outcomes of hubs across different districts. The involvement of academies in the exclusion process and their ability to join their local hub, at an equivalent rate of £11 per hour was also discussed. Officers indicated that work was being undertaken to support inclusion hub developments along the lines suggested and that the Forum comments would be fed back into the process.

#### **The Working Group:**

- a) **Noted the report;**
- b) **Requested that their Inclusion Hub comments be considered by officers/Inclusion Hub Steering Groups:**
- c) **Supported the proposed consultations on other possible de-delegation proposals for 2023/24.**

#### **5. Completing the reforms to the National Funding Formula: Government consultation response**

In July 2021, the DfE issued a consultation titled Fair school funding for all: completing our reforms to the National Funding Formula. The Forum responded to the consultation.

On 28 March 2022, the DfE published its response to the consultation. The Government say that all the views received have influenced their final decisions and in summary, the DfE will now:

- bring forward legislation to move to allocate funding directly through a single national funding formula;
- require local authorities to move their factor values a minimum of 10% closer to the NFF in 2023 to 2024 as part of a 'smooth' transition to a direct NFF;
- continue the separate funding cycles for maintained schools and academies;
- introduce new transparency requirements for MAT pooling;
- review services funding through the ongoing responsibilities element of the central school services block (CSSB) while continuing with a legacy grant for unavoidable historic commitment costs.

No firm date is provided for the full implementation of the hard NFF, and as Lancashire has already adopted the NFF as the local funding formula, the 2023/24 requirements for LAs to

move factor values closer to the NFF will not have any significant impact on school funding requirements in the county from April 2023.

The DfE indicate that the approach to the transition in subsequent years will depend on the impact in the first transitional year in 2023/24.

**The Working Group:**

**a) Noted the report.**

**6. Schools Bill 2022**

Following the State Opening of Parliament on 10 May 2022, the Secretary of State for Education published a New Schools Bill. The Bill is wide ranging and incorporated some elements of the recent 'Opportunity for all' schools white paper.

Of relevance to the Schools Forum, the Bill includes proposals to move to a direct National Funding Formula.

Alongside the Bill, the Government have published a number of factsheets, providing further information about their proposals.

The National Funding Formula Reforms Schools Bill Factsheet was provided for members. This confirms that if the Bill is enacted, a duty will be placed on the Secretary of State to determine funding for all mainstream schools (both academies and maintained schools) in England through a single, directly applied national funding formula.

The document does indicate that the proposals allow for LAs to continue to allocate some aspects of schools' funding where the government judges that is necessary because LAs have the most detailed knowledge about the needs of their local schools. DfE indicate that they expect this supplementary funding to be limited to use where the LA has a Private Finance Initiative (PFI) contract for that school, or where the LA asks a school to provide additional school places to meet its sufficiency duty.

The measure will also provide for the Secretary of State to continue to fund LAs for other education provision, alongside the funding LAs receive for mainstream schools through the direct NFF, and the supplementary funding they receive to distribute to maintained schools and academies. This is funding for high needs, central school services and early years.

Elsewhere in the document the current 'block transfer arrangements are mentioned, with the legislation proposing a new mechanism, in place of the current block transfers, that will allow for the Secretary of State to reallocate funding from schools' national funding allocations to LAs' high needs budgets, on application of the LA. DfE will be consulting on the implementation of this mechanism in the second stage direct NFF consultation.

DfE also confirm that additional funding streams that schools may receive, such as the Pupil Premium or PE and Sport Premium, are distributed separately to the schools NFF and are therefore not in scope for this measure.

As set out in other DfE communications, it is proposed 'to take a measured approach to transition', and at this stage an “end date” for full implementation has not been set.

**The Working Group:**

- a) Noted the report.**

## **7. Implementing The Direct National Funding Formula Consultation**

On 7 June 2022, the DfE launched a further consultation on 'Implementing the Direct National Funding Formula'. A copy of the DfE consultation document is available [here](#).

The consultation focuses on the detail of the implementation of the direct NFF, including:

- The interaction between the direct NFF and funding for high needs
- Growth and Falling Rolls funding
- Premises funding
- The minimum funding guarantee (MFG) under the direct NFF
- The annual funding cycle

Responses to the consultation must be submitted by 9 September 2022.

An briefing on the consultation was provided for the working group and an initial view for a draft response and it is intended that a draft Schools Forum response will be provided for the Forum meeting on 5 July 2022.

Members considered the information provided and were supportive of the initial views expressed.

**The Working Group:**

- a) Noted the report;**
- b) Were supportive of the initial views expressed on a possible Schools Forum consultation response.**

***Subsequent to the meeting, a full Schools Forum consultation response was developed, and this is attached at Appendix D, for comment/approval by the Forum.***

## **8. Scheme for Financing Schools in Lancashire**

The School Standards and Framework Act 1998 requires local authorities to publish a scheme for financing schools, which details the financial relationship with the maintained schools in the council. Any amendments to schemes must be the subject of consultation with all schools and be approved by the Schools Forum.

In March 2022, the DfE issued a 14th update to Statutory Guidance on schemes, which amended the guidance for the 2022 to 2023 financial year. In addition to some minor edits to wording and the revision of dates, the main change highlighted by the DfE is that in the 'Borrowing by schools' section the reference to the Salix Scheme has been removed, as this scheme has now closed.

The guidance also confirmed that there is no extension to the school or LA submission deadlines for submitting Schools Financial Value Standard (SFVS) returns, with the school deadline for 2021/22 SFVS returns being 31 March 2022, and the LA Assurance Statement deadline being 31 May 2022.

The Authority has reviewed the Lancashire scheme and introduced the relevant amendments.

A revised draft Lancashire Scheme, incorporating the proposed DfE amendments can be viewed [here](#), with edits from the existing scheme shown as tracked changes.

On 20 April 2022, the county council issued a consultation with maintained schools, seeking views on the proposed scheme changes and provided an eform to facilitate responses.

32 responses were received in the consultation and an analysis is provided below:

Do you support the changes to the Lancashire scheme for financing schools that are being introduced as a result of the updated DfE scheme guidance?		
Yes	27	84%
No	0	0%
Not Sure	5	16%
<b>Total</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>100%</b>

No additional comments were received as part of the consultation process.

The working considered the proposed scheme amendments and the consultation analysis.

**The Working Group:**

- a) **Noted the report.**
- b) **Recommended that the Schools Forum approve the proposed scheme changes.**

***This is a formal Schools Forum decision and members will be asked to formally approve the revised Lancashire scheme at the 5 July meeting.***

**9. Schools Supplementary Grant 2022 to 2023**

Previous reports to the working groups and to Schools Forum provided information on the Schools Supplementary Grant. This grant was introduced by DfE for 2022/23, to distribute £1.6b of additional funding for schools and high needs, above the previous DSG settlement. The additional funding is being provided to support Health and Social Care Levy costs (increased NI contribution in 2022/23 for social care) and wider cost pressures.

Allocations for the Mainstream Schools Supplementary Grant are determined by the DfE, and the working groups and Forum have been involved in establishing the local arrangements for distributing the High Needs Supplementary Grant in Lancashire.

Subsequent to the March 2022 Forum meeting, the DfE have confirmed that local authorities and academies will receive their payments for 2022/23 in two tranches.

Payments will be made in May/June 2022 to cover April 2022 to August 2022, and in October/November 2022 to cover September 2022 to March 2023.

The Forum have agreed that the High Needs Supplementary payments will be made on the same basis as for mainstream schools, so these payments will be actioned in two tranches, as set out above.

Payments for the first tranche of allocations had now been processed and would be on June oracle information. It was noted that for the final calculation of the high Needs supplementary payments using the May 21 data, the overall rate for the WPN payments has reduced to £625.97 from the initial £630.69 as first forecasted.

#### **The Working Group:**

##### **a) Noted the report.**

### **10. Growth Fund Policy Update**

The county council has a responsibility under section 14 of the education act 1996 to ensure that there are sufficient primary and secondary school places in the county.

Since 2014, the Schools Forum has had in place a Growth Fund Policy to assist schools/academies commission by the LA for basic need growth. The policy ensures that a transparent and formulaic process is used for allocating additional funds that takes account of expanding schools' needs whilst minimising the effect on the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG).

The policy has been amended from time to time since its introduction, to take account of various developments. The latest substantive amendment of the policy was agreed by the Forum in March 2021, in order to support the establishment and growth of a new school in Lancashire.

As part of the ongoing discussions with schools in the county over basic need places, the School Place Planning Team have raised a concern that may require an addition to the Growth Fund Policy.

For schools that are expanding, the policy operates by providing additional funding for a school commissioned by the LA to increase its admission number. A school's allocation is calculated in the first year on the difference between the previous admission number and the new admission number and in subsequent years on the difference between the previous admission number and the actual numbers of Year R (Primary) or Year 7 (Secondary) pupils on roll as at the previous January (provided that more pupils are on roll than the previous admission number).

An issue has arisen where a school has agreed to exceed its Published Admissions Number (PAN) in order to meet the need for additional places in the area. Under the policy this will attract an appropriate Growth Fund allocation from the school.

However, the school have also officially informed the LA that that they have decided in following year to subsequently drop their PAN, despite objections from the LA and knowing that there remains a need for future additional places in the area. In connection with Growth

Fund allocations, this may lead to a situation where the fund may be asked to pay out an increased level of funding for schools that lower their PAN and then request further funding to exceed their revised admissions number and receive funding calculated from a lower base.

In addition, by agreeing to exceed their PAN, rather than officially increasing the PAN through the admission round, a school may initially agree to admit the additional pupils in the first admissions tranche but then push back on subsequent pupils being allocated as pupils withdraw from places (possibly as a result of appeals elsewhere etc). There is also the possibility that a school no longer has a duty to maintain the exceeded PAN figure in future years, once the cohort becomes Y1 or Y8 and beyond.

Clearly, admissions arrangements and the legal admissions authority vary dependent on the category of school or academy involved, but governing bodies of all types of school will have views on the appropriate arrangements for their school.

However, there is some concern that the current Growth Fund Policy may benefit from certain clarifications around the issues highlighted above, so that there is clarity on the funding calculation and expectations on schools that are in receipt of growth funding. It is therefore proposed to add the following conditions to the Growth Fund policy, subject to the views of the Forum:

- Where expansion funding has been provided to a school based on a specific Published Admissions Number (PAN), then within the following 7 years for primary schools/academies or 5 years for secondary schools/academies, considerations of extra funding will be considered on the same PAN irrelevant of any decision by the school/academy to reduce their PAN;
- Where a school has reduced their PAN, this may only be considered as the new growth funding baseline after 7 years for primary schools/academies or 5 years for secondary schools/academies post reduction;
- By the school/academy signing the funding agreement they are committing to taking up to that number of pupils across the whole academic year and maintaining that higher admission number for that cohort as it moves through the school.

#### **The Working Group:**

- a) Note the report;**
- b) Supported the proposed update to the Growth Fund Policy.**

### **11. Split Site Funding Appeal**

Following a series of reports, a revised split site policy was agreed by the Forum in January 2019 and subsequent reports have presented appeals and late applications for the consideration of members.

From 2021/22, transitional arrangements should have finished, and schools should have received a split site allocation in accordance with the revised criteria. However, due to an oversight, transitional protection for split site allocations remained in the formula for 2021/22.

This issue was identified as part of the budget preparations for 2022/23 and school budgets were issued with split site allocations calculated purely on the revised criteria.

On receipt of their 2022/23 budget, it then became apparent to one school that the split site funding had been lost and the school have submitted an appeal against this.

It was noted that there is no intention to clawback the split site allocation issued for 2021/22 regardless of the outcome of this appeal.

The details of the appeal information submitted by the school are provided below:

The school consists of three buildings; Nursery, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. A steep hill separates Key Stage 1 and the Nursery from Key Stage 2.

The Nursery and Key Stage 1 classes use the Hall in the key Stage 2 building for assemblies, lunch and PE. They use the hall on a daily basis as there is no other provision for them 'up the hill'.

In support of the appeal the school has also provided some photographs, a site plan and a video of the Headteacher walking from the Key Stage 2 building to the Key Stage 1 building. Please see Appendix B.

The school indicate that the distance between the buildings is circa 80m.

Accompanying photographs and a video provided by the school were shared with the working group.

Members consider the information provided and agreed with the LA assessment that the school does not meet the current split site criteria, as all the buildings are on a single site with no physical barrier or public right of way between them, and the distance is below 300m.

**The Working Group:**

- a) Noted the report and the information provided;**
- b) Rejected the split site appeal.**

## **LANCASHIRE SCHOOLS FORUM**

**Name of Group: High Needs / Early Years / Schools Block Working Group**

**Date of Meeting: June 2022**

**Item No: 4**

**Title of Item: 2021/22 Schools Budget Outturn Report**

**Annex A refers**

### **Executive Summary**

This report provides the Working Groups with details of the 2021/22 Schools Budget final financial outturn position, in relation to each funding block.

### **Recommendations**

**The Working Group is asked to:**

- a) Note the report and the 2021/22 Schools Budget final financial outturn position.**
- b) Express any views in relation to each funding block outturn position for 2021/22.**



## **Background**

This report provides information on the Schools Budget outturn position for 2021/22

The Overall Schools Budget outturn position for 2021/22 shows an underspend of circa £8.4m.

Further details are provided below in connection with each funding block.

### **Schools Block/ Central Schools Services Block (CSSB)**

<b>Schools Block/CSSB 2020/21</b>			
	<b>Budget (£)</b>	<b>Actual (£)</b>	<b>Variance (£)</b>
<b>Schools Block</b>			
Maintained Schools	667,763,728	664,774,644	2,989,085
Academy Recoupment	182,180,023	184,559,171	-2,379,148
<b>CSSB</b>			
ESG Retained Duties (transferred to DSG)	2,591,000	2,591,000	0
Overheads	397,000	397,000	0
Copyright Licence	999,814	997,550	2,264
School Forum	188,000	188,000	0
Pupil Access (Admissions)	1,400,000	1,400,000	0
Rates Rebates	-75,000	125,267	-200,267
Early Intervention	350,000	301,033	48,967
PFI - Sixth Form	915,000	1,022,548	-107,548
Total Expenditure	856,709,565	856,356,213	353,353
Total Grant	-856,709,565	-856,709,565	0
<b>Total Variance</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-353,352</b>	<b>353,353</b>

The outturn position for the 2021/22 Schools Block/CSSB revealed a circa £0.4m underspend. Further information on key variances is provided below:

#### *Schools Block*

##### *Maintained Schools/Academy Recoupment*

The total Schools Block expenditure on maintained schools for 2021/22 underspent by circa £3.0m which is mainly due to academy recoupment increasing by circa £2.4m during the year, as schools converted to academies.

The remaining variance of circa £0.6m, the difference between the 2 figures, is mainly due to an underspend on the growth fund.

It should be noted that the budget and actual figures incorporate the agreed £2m transfer from the Schools Block to the Early Years Block.

## *Central Schools Services Block (CSSB)*

### *Rates Rebates*

The rates rebate budget estimated a £75k level of income from rateable value challenges throughout the year, but there was actually net expenditure of around £125k against this budget line, giving a total variance of just over £200k. Expenditure relates to a contribution to the LCC Estates team to facilitate the school rateable value challenges and the payment of rates rebates to schools in accordance with the Forum policy.

Members will recall that the outturn position on the rates rebates budget for 2020/21 was a circa £86k overspend, but the budget generated a circa £500k surplus in 2019/20. As we are at the end of the current ratings cycle, there are reduced opportunities for rateable value appeals, but over the lifetime of the current schools forum policy, the arrangements have generated significantly more income than has been paid out.

### *Early Intervention*

The Early Intervention budget has underspent by circa £50k at year end, largely due to reduced staffing expenditure on the MASH budget.

### *PFI - Sixth Form*

This budget line ended the year over £100k overspent. This was due to ongoing expenditure on the former Thomas Whitham Sixth Form and Hameldon PFI sites, mainly attributable to utilities costs, that must continue whilst the sites are converted to use by other schools.

*Other CSSB budget lines ended the year on or near the agreed budget level.*

### *Total Variance*

The total Schools Block and CSSB year end variance, incorporating the explanations above, is an in year underspend of circa £0.4m.

## High Needs Block

<b>High Needs Block</b>			
	<b>Budget (£)</b>	<b>Actual (£)</b>	<b>Variance (£)</b>
Maintained Schools			
Mainstream Schools	11,623,579	15,523,671	-3,900,093
Special Schools	64,867,889	68,423,320	-3,555,431
Alternative Provision	10,092,249	11,198,362	-1,106,113
Further Education - Post 16	7,000,000	8,297,121	-1,297,121
Commissioned Services	31,305,000	33,441,211	-2,136,211
Exclusions	-1,000,000	-805,485	-194,515
High Needs Growth	18,405,689	0	18,405,689
<b>Total Grant</b>	<b>-142,294,406</b>	<b>-142,625,572</b>	<b>331,166</b>
<b>TOTAL VARIANCE</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>-6,547,372</b>	<b>6,547,371</b>

The outturn position for the 2021/22 High Needs Block (HNB) revealed a circa £6.5m underspend. Further information is provided below:

### *Maintained Schools*

Actual costs on all elements of maintained schools HNB expenditure, including mainstream schools, special schools and PRUs were above the budgeted figure. The most significant variance related to mainstream schools and represented a circa 33% growth in funding compared to the budget. Special Schools grew by over 5% and Alternative Provision by 11%.

### *Further Education - Post 16*

The Further Education - Post 16 budget had a growth of £1.3m or circa 19%.

### *Commissioned Services*

The commissioned services expenditure ended the year with an overspend of over £2.1m. As per established practice, a more detailed breakdown of the HNB expenditure against the agreed budget lines is provided at Annex A. Of particular interest to the Forum on the commissioned services breakdown will be the £3.2m overspend on the Out-county budget. This overspend figure is reduced from 2020/21. As members will be aware, strategies are being deployed to enhance maintained provision within the county, through the AP Strategy, SEN Units and increased special school capacity, but this will take time to feed through into the budget position.

### *Exclusions*

The original 2021/22 budget estimated that £1m income would be generated for High Needs Block establishments as funding followed pupils who were excluded from mainstream schools during the year. The actual income was circa £0.8m, created a variance of just under £0.2m

#### *High Needs Growth*

When the 2021/22 Schools Budget was being set, provision was made for HNB growth, which was forecast at circa £18m for the year. This provision was utilised in year to offset the increased expenditure of circa £12m across HNB school budget lines and within commissioned services, allowing the overall HNB budget to end the year with a circa £6.5m surplus.

It should be noted that the level of in year HNB growth has been running at very roughly £10m+ (circa 10% of HNB budget) for a number of years and the budget has only managed to generate a surplus in 2021/22 thanks to significant increases in the level of DSG HNB allocation. The levels of DSG increases are expected to reduce in future years (early indications are 5% in 2023/24, then 3% subsequently), which are likely to again place considerable pressure on high needs funding and reserves.

#### *DSG grant*

The DSG grant for the HNB in 2021/22, was circa £0.3m over budget, due to DfE adjustments relating to recouPMENT for post-16 and free school places.

## Early Years Block (EYB)

Early Years Block			
	Budget (£)	Actual (£)	Variance (£)
<b>Maintained Schools</b>			
2YO	1,642,727	1,833,775	-191,047
3_4 YO	18,936,080	18,055,841	880,240
<b>PVI</b>			
2YO	8,086,283	8,188,328	-102,045
3_4 YO	54,241,198	50,049,127	4,192,071
Early Years DAF	313,650	142,680	170,970
Early Years PPG	751,121	813,516	-62,395
<b>Commissioned Services</b>			
SEND Inclusion Fund	500,000	444,173	55,827
<b>Total Grant</b>	<b>-82,471,546</b>	<b>-79,020,013</b>	<b>-3,451,533</b>
<b>TOTAL VARIANCE</b>	<b>1,999,513</b>	<b>507,426</b>	<b>1,492,087</b>

The Early Years Block outturn position for 2020/21 indicates a circa £1.5m underspend which means there would have been an overspend without the circa £2m transfer from Schools Block.

Further information is provided below:

### *Maintained Sector*

Early Years Block expenditure relating to maintained providers overspent on 2 year olds but underspent on 3&4 year old provision.

### *PVI Providers*

The PVI outturn position also revealed a similar pattern, with an overspend on 2 year old provision and a significant underspend on 3&4 year old provision of circa £4.2m.

### *Disability Access Fund*

This budget line was circa £170k below budget.

### *Early Years Pupil Premium*

This budget line overspent by circa £60k in 2021/22.

### *Commissioned Services*

Commissioned Services in the Early Years Block relates to the Inclusion Fund and expenditure was circa £55k below budget.

Previous years underspends on this budget have prompted the Early Years Working Group to agree significant changes to the inclusion fund process, with increased funding rates, expanded eligibility and a streamlined application process introduced from September 2021.

It is estimated that the full year effect of the changes introduced part way through 2021/22 would mean that inclusion fund expenditure will in future be up to the agreed budget level, or perhaps beyond it.

#### *DSG Grant*

Grant payment calculations for the early years block were temporarily amended by the DfE for 2021/22 so that the payments were based on actual take up each term. The actual grant income for the year was some £3.5m below the original budget, as early years take up was below the level forecast in the original 2021/22 budget. It should be noted that adjustments could still be applied in relation to the spring term 2022 which are scheduled by the DfE to be actioned in July 2022.

#### *Total Variance*

The total variance for the early years block shows an underspend of circa £1.5m underspend but would have been overspend without the circa £2m transfer from Schools Block.

This underspend could be used to assist with any early years DSG adjustment required in July 2022 and towards the additional £1m contribution agreed in the 2022/23 early years budget.

2021/22 High Needs Funding Block Monitoring at Year End 2021-22

Annex A

	BUDGET			Actual	
	Approved Budget	Budget Movement	Current Budget	Actual	Full Year Variance Under(-) Over (+)
<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<u>Mainstream Schools</u>					
Core Uplift Funding	1,160,271	0	1,160,271	1,428,560	268,289
Additional Support Uplift Funding	111,982	0	111,982	227,336	115,354
Top-up Funding	10,224,528	0	10,224,528	13,047,553	2,823,025
SERF Place Funding	126,798	0	126,798	297,107	170,309
Additional HNB Funding	0	0	0	523,115	523,115
	<b>11,623,579</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11,623,579</b>	<b>15,523,671</b>	<b>3,900,093</b>
<u>Special Schools</u>					
Place Funding	28,705,000	0	28,705,000	28,705,000	0
Additional Place Funding	1,343,333	0	1,343,333	2,316,667	973,333
Top-up Funding	19,418,815	0	19,418,815	21,014,318	1,595,502
School Specific Funding	15,400,741	0	15,400,741	15,619,787	219,047
Additional HNB Funding	0	0	0	767,548	767,548
	<b>64,867,889</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>64,867,889</b>	<b>68,423,320</b>	<b>3,555,431</b>
<u>Alternative Provision</u>					
Place Funding	6,782,500	0	6,782,500	6,782,500	0
Additional Place Funding	0	0	0	31,667	31,667
Top-up Funding	3,309,749	0	3,309,749	4,065,266	755,518
Additional HNB Funding	0	0	0	318,929	318,929
	<b>10,092,249</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10,092,249</b>	<b>11,198,362</b>	<b>1,106,113</b>
<u>Further Education - Post 16</u>					
Additional Place Funding	0	0	0	0	0
Top-up Funding	2,820,249	0	2,820,249	3,667,329	847,080
Independent Specialist Providers	4,111,112	0	4,111,112	4,629,792	518,680
	<b>6,931,361</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6,931,361</b>	<b>8,297,121</b>	<b>1,365,760</b>

	BUDGET			Actual	
	Approved Budget	Budget Movement	Current Budget	Actual	Full Year Variance Under(-) Over (+)
Expenditure	£	£	£	£	£
<u>Commissioned Services</u>					
PFI - Special, Nursery	1,194,000	0	1,194,000	1,104,766	-89,234
Commissioned Alternative Provision services	1,000,000	0	1,000,000	769,258	-230,742
Hospital Provision	927,000	0	927,000	780,599	-146,401
Independent Hospital Provision	0	0	0	-20,491	-20,491
Education in Residential Homes	0	0	0	0	0
Out County - Specialist provision places	19,500,000	0	19,500,000	22,734,077	3,234,077
Out County - Mainstream / academies places	2,000,000	0	2,000,000	2,011,040	11,040
Inclusion Service Specialised Equipment	447,000	0	447,000	753,298	306,298
Inclusion Service Inclusion Projects	747,000	-600,000	147,000	25,837	-121,163
Inclusion Service Teachers & Support	3,464,000	0	3,464,000	3,282,848	-181,152
Multi Agency Development	75,000	0	75,000	75,000	0
Support for Vulnerable Pupils - SI	899,000	0	899,000	872,883	-26,117
Overheads	1,052,000	0	1,052,000	1,052,000	0
Budget Savings	0	600,000	600,000	0	-600,000
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	<b>31,305,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>31,305,000</b>	<b>33,441,211</b>	<b>2,136,115</b>
<u>Other</u>					
High Needs Growth	18,405,689		18,405,689	0	-18,405,689
Exclusions	-1,000,000		-1,000,000	-805,485	194,515
	<b>17,405,689</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>17,405,689</b>	<b>-805,485</b>	<b>-18,211,174</b>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>142,225,767</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>142,225,767</b>	<b>136,078,200</b>	<b>-6,147,662</b>
<b>Income</b>					
<u>DSG</u>					
Provisional High Needs Block Funding as at 19.12.2020	151,032,906		151,032,906	151,158,906	126,000
DfE High Needs Place Adjustments	-336,500		-336,500	0	336,500
DfE High Needs deduction for direct funding of places	-8,402,000		-8,402,000	-8,533,334	-131,334
	<b>142,294,406</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>142,294,406</b>	<b>142,625,572</b>	<b>331,166</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>142,294,406</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>142,294,406</b>	<b>142,625,572</b>	<b>331,166</b>
<b>Net Surplus</b>	<b>-68,639</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-68,639</b>	<b>-6,547,372</b>	<b>-6,478,828</b>



## **LANCASHIRE SCHOOLS FORUM**

**Name of Group: High Needs / Early Years / Schools Block Working Groups**

**Date of Meeting: June 2022**

**Item No: 5**

**Title of Item: School Balances and Clawback 2021/22**

**Annex A refers**

### **Executive Summary**

This report provides information on the 2021/22 outturn position for delegated school balances and seeks views on relevant matters, including clawback of school balances.

### **Recommendations**

**The Working Group is asked to:**

- a) Note the report;**
- b) Note the overall position on school balances at 31 March 2022, including the individual school level information provided in the report;**
- c) Express any views about the school balances and clawback arrangements to be applied at 31 March 2023;**
- d) Express any views about the individual school request for a clawback exemption at March 2023;**
- e) Note the underspend on the supply scheme budget at 31 March 2022 and express any views about the scheme reserve;**
- f) Express any other views in connection with the School Balances and Clawback 2021/22 report.**

## Background

### School Balances Outturn 2021/22

This report sets out the year end position of schools' delegated budgets at 31 March 2022.

The final outturn position against schools delegated budgets at 31 March 2022 is an underspend of £5.173m. This means that school balances have increased by £5.173m in 2021/22, to a total of £95.325m.

The tables below show analysis of school balances by phase at the end of the financial year 2021/22.

### **2021/22 School Balances - In-Year Movement of Balances by Phase**

<b>Phase</b>	<b>Balance Brought Forward as at 1 April 2021</b>	<b>In-year Increase / (Decrease) 21/22</b>	<b>Balance Carried Forward as at 31 March 22</b>
	<b>£m</b>	<b>£m</b>	<b>£m</b>
Nursery	0.745	0.053	0.798
Primary	58.429	-(2.677)	55.752
Secondary	23.603	5.893	29.496
Special	5.669	1.871	7.541
Short Stay	1.705	0.022	1.727
<b>Total</b>	<b>90.151</b>	<b>5.173</b>	<b>95.313</b>

As can be seen, all phases showed an overall increase in their aggregate balance, with the exception of the primary school phase, where aggregate balances fell by circa £2.7m.

Increased levels of core funding were provided by the Government in 2021/22, with Lancashire's gross Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) allocation some £86m higher than that received in 2020/21. This was partly due to increased funding nationally made available by Government, and the incorporation of funding for the teachers pay and pensions grants into core school funding that were previously paid as separate grants. There was also an increase in the overall numbers of pupils in Lancashire compared to 2020/21, which contributed to the increased level of funding received.

In addition to the core Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) funding allocations to schools, considerable additional funding was allocated during 2021/22 in the form of Government grants. For Lancashire maintained schools, grant allocations in the year totalled over £36m.

A number of these grants were specifically to assist schools continue to respond to the challenges of supporting pupils catch up on learning. Some of these grants were allocated by the DfE on an academic year basis and will need to be spent by the end of the current school year, which may have had some impact on the level of balances held at 31 March 2022.

It should be noted that the aggregate school balances figure at 31 March 2022 includes a number of adjustments related to school academisations during the year. This included academisation of 5 primary schools and a secondary school.

### 2021/22 School Balances –In-Year Movement Count of Schools by Phase

Phase	Count of deficit in year	Count of surplus in year
Nursery	12	12
Primary	268	193
Secondary	9	37
Special	5	24
Short Stay	4	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>270</b>

298 schools operated an in year deficit in 2021/22, which equates to 52%, with 270 schools (48%) operating an in year surplus. This level of in year spending in 2021/22 is more in line with historic levels. In 2020/21, 88% of schools operated an in year surplus, as school expenditure levels were curtailed, largely as a result of reduced operations during national COVID-19 lockdowns.

### 2021/22 School Balances – Number of Schools in Surplus/Deficit by Phase

Phase	Count of deficit close balance	Count of surplus close balance
Nursery	6	18
Primary	11	450
Secondary	1	45
Special	3	26
Short Stay	0	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>547</b>

A total of 21 schools ended the 2021/22 financial year in deficit. The number of schools in deficit at 31 March 2022 has decreased from 30 schools in deficit a year earlier.

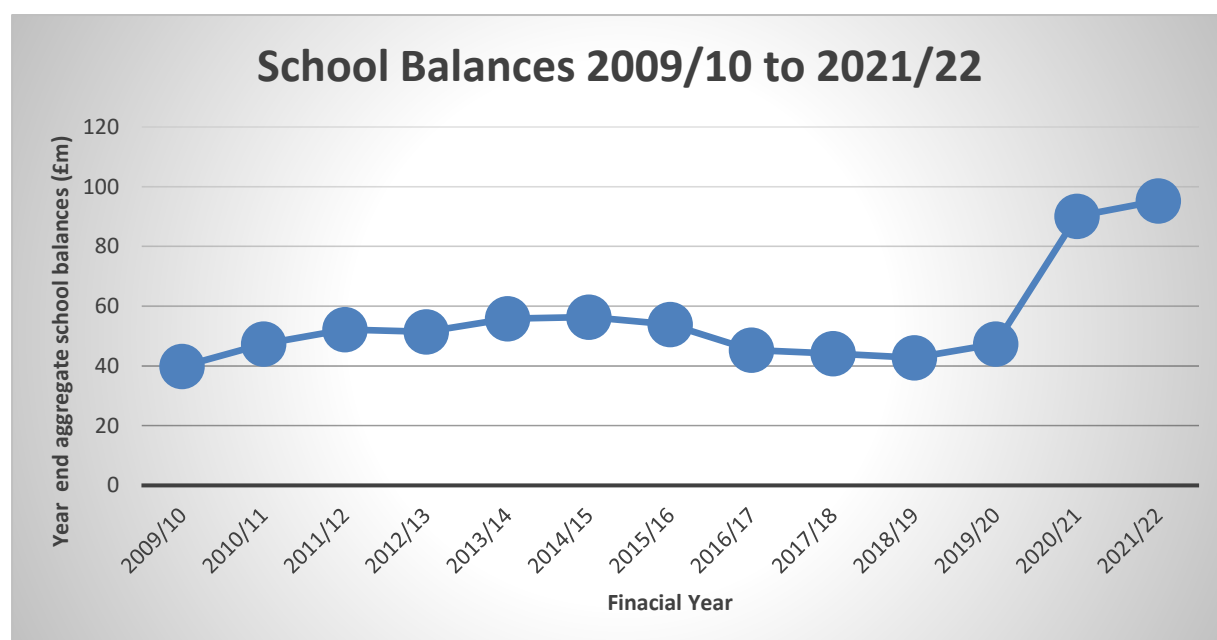
The nursery sector remains the most concerning phase highlighted through this table, with 6 out of 24 schools ending the financial year in deficit, representing 25% of schools in the sector.

A comparison showing the total number of schools in deficit across recent years is provided below:

Year End	Number of schools in deficit
31 March 2022	21
31 March 2021	30
31 March 2020	41
31 March 2019	39
31 March 2018	47
31 March 2017	40
31 March 2016	25
31 March 2015	18

The number of schools in deficit at year end is at its lowest level since March 2015. However, the 2022 figure may be artificially low, as some schools may have high levels of grant funding in their year end balances, due to unspent funding such as Covid related catch-up grants.

### Aggregate School Balances by Year



The graph demonstrates the trend in aggregate school balances over a number of years and shows that following the significant rise in the balances held by schools at March 2021, school balances have increased further at March 2022, but at a much reduced rate. Balances at the end of 2021/22 are at £95.325m, however, as noted above, there may be covid related reasons contributing to this year end position. Analysis provided by schools about their year end position at 31 March 2022 indicates that circa £28m of total balances are classed as 'committed'.

To provide context for the total school balances figure, the current authority guideline for schools is to have reserves equating to 12% of total Combined Financial Reporting (CFR) income or a minimum of £60,000. This is to ensure that individual schools can withstand potential financial risks and stresses. If all Lancashire schools held the

guideline balance, the total balance would have been circa £106m at 31 March 2022, compared to the actual balances held of circa £95m.

### **Support for Schools in Deficit**

The county council, in consultation with the Lancashire Schools Forum, has continued to provide significant targeted support and enhanced monitoring and early warning to support schools that are in, or may be heading towards, financial difficulty. This includes monitoring the financial outlook of schools on the Schools in Financial Difficulty (SIFD) category warning system for maintained schools, issuing early warning letters to offer a 'heads-up' that financial pressures may be mounting and using the agreed SIFD procedures to provide additional support to some schools.

21 schools ended the 2021/22 financial year in deficit, compared to 30 schools a year earlier, as a number of schools returned to surplus during the year through the delivery of budget recovery plans.

During the year, an amendment to the SIFD support criteria was introduced to allow interest charges and provision of school finance support will be met centrally from SIFD funding for schools with an agreed recovery plan, or an agreed sustainability plan.

A one-off SIFD allocation to a Lancashire school was also agreed, to assist with the financial recovery plan.

### **Individual School Balances 2021/22**

Attached at **Annex A** are details about the movement in balances at an individual school level in 2021/22. As previously requested by the Forum, in addition to the year-end balance by school, information is included in this annex setting out:

- Balance as a % of CFR income.
- Balance per pupil.

Members will be aware that for March 2022, due to a number of uncertainties related to covid, the Forum supported the suspension of clawback on school balances. This annex has previously included a figure relating to the 'Year-end balance adjusted for approved exemptions' for each school. This column is not necessary this year, as no exemptions need be applied as the application of clawback was suspended.

### **School Balances and Clawback Policy 2022/23**

Whilst clawback has been suspended on year end balances at March 2020, 2021 and 2022, the guideline balance policy remained unchanged, as follows:

- 12% of Consistent Financial Reporting (CFR) income for all phases of maintained school
- A £60,000 minimum balance threshold will be applied.

The Forum are now asked to consider the school balances and clawback policy to be applied at 31 March 2023.

When considering the policy to be applied at March 2022, it was agreed that the clawback of excess balances would be suspended in 2021/22 and no clawback would be applied to school balances at 31 March 2022. This clawback suspension was in recognition of the continued funding and expenditure uncertainties caused by COVID-19.

Furthermore, the Forum indicated that it was likely that clawback would be reintroduced on school balances above the guideline at 31 March 2023 but agreed that this policy would be reviewed in July 2022, in light of the 2021/22 outturn data, any ongoing COVID-19 issues or any other implications, before it was confirmed.

The 2021/22 outturn position has revealed an increase in school balances and schools are operating on a more normal basis as far as the pandemic is concerned. Some Covid related challenges for schools do however remain, both financial and operational.

In financial terms, school balances still contain significant funding for covid catch up grants that were allocated by the DfE on an academic year basis. As referred to above, the Analysis of Balances return from maintained schools about their year end position at 31 March 2022 indicates that circa £28m of total balances are classed as 'committed'. This was across over 400 schools.

Whilst the level of committed balances has reduced from 2020/21, when the figure was £36m, it is still well above pre-pandemic levels, with the 2019/20 figure equating to only £6.8m.

In addition, members will be aware that there are significant and increasing costs pressure facing schools, with UK inflation jumping to 9% in the 12 months to April 2022, the highest level for 40 years, and expected to rise further.

A number of schools balances and clawback options are available to the Forum for 2022/23, which include:

- a) Reintroduce a clawback policy in 2022/23, as per previous arrangements set out below, or with amended rates:
  - A clawback rate of 50% is to be applied to any balance above guideline in the first year a school exceeds the guideline (after adjusting for exemptions)
  - A clawback rate of 100% is to be applied to any balance in excess of guideline where the guideline has been breached for two or more consecutive years (after adjusting for exemptions)

(Note: As clawback was suspended in 2021/22, no school would be subject to the 100% clawback rate in 2022/23).

- b) Suspend the application of clawback at March 2023 due to the continued uncertainties around school funding , including the significant Covid catch up

funding in the system that operates on an academic year basis, and due to the substantial cost pressures facing schools over the coming months and years, with inflation at a 40 year high and rising;

- c) Other suggestions that members may have e.g., Raising the threshold percentage from the current 12%.

### **Clawback Exemption Request 2022/23**

Members will recall that at the last meeting, a clawback exemption request was agreed by Forum in relation to the 31 March 2023 balances at a Lancashire primary school, regardless of the general clawback policy to be agreed for 2022/23.

A further request has now been received for Forum to consider an exemption from clawback for a Lancashire secondary school even if clawback is reintroduced generally.

The secondary school in question has limited sports facilities, which impacts on its ability to deliver a full curriculum offer in PE. Facilities available to the school mean that they cannot do any sports such as netball, basketball, handball, tennis, badminton, volleyball etc. This places a significant limit to the potential achievements of the students and the breadth of curriculum on offer.

Historically, the school did have an outside tennis/netball court, but this can no longer be used for H&S reasons.

The school have been considering options to resolve the issue since they lost the use of their court and, working with outside contractors, the school have identified this as the perfect site to build a new sports hall. Costings and plans from a company who can deliver the sports hall have been obtained and the school is about to apply for planning permission.

In preparation for the potential costs, the school have managed to save a significant amount of money for the project, with circa £0.5m of current reserves earmarked for to fund the new sports hall.

Using reserves and private funds, supplemented by additional fundraising, the school anticipate that they could potentially afford to go ahead with the project if they split the cost of the construction over two years.

With the timeframes for obtaining the relevant planning permissions and commencing the building works, the school are concerned that they may not have spent much of the funding earmarked for the sports hall by March 2023.

The school are therefore asking that they be exempt from clawback at March 2023 (if necessary), so that funding earmarked for the sports hall project is not lost to clawback and can be utilised in 2023/24 to enable them to fund the costs of the project.

The views of the working group are sought.

## **Schools Budget Reserves 2021/22**

The table below shows the 31 March 2022 position on Schools Budget Reserves.

		£
<b><u>1</u></b>	<b><u>DSG Reserve</u></b>	
	Opening Balance	-16,095,920
	21/22 underspend	-8,392,811
	<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>-24,488,731</b>
<b><u>2</u></b>	<b><u>Schools in Financial Difficulty Reserve</u></b>	
	Opening Balance	-2,009,335
	Forced academy closing balance	10,397
	Forced academy closing balance	-10,965
	Thomas Whitham USF transfer	-28,603
	Unclaimed income	-439,563
	Final YE reserves movement 21/22	-1,412,947
	<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>-3,891,016</b>
<b><u>3</u></b>	<b><u>De-delegated Reserves</u></b>	
	Opening Balance	-767,038
	Year End reserves movement 2122	-151,289
	<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>-918,327</b>
<b><u>4</u></b>	<b><u>Supply Teacher Reserve</u></b>	
	Opening Balance	-1,894,071
	Reserves Movement 2122	-365,741
	<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>-2,259,812</b>
<b><u>5</u></b>	<b><u>Schools Balances</u></b>	
	Opening Balance	-90,151,339
	Revenue surplus in year	-16,006,257
	Forced academy closing balance	10,965
	Revenue deficits in year	10,832,934
	<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>-95,313,697</b>
<b><u>6</u></b>	<b><u>Total All Reserves</u></b>	
	Open Balance	-110,917,703
	Net In Year Movement	-15,953,880
	<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>-126,871,583</b>

Further information about the year end reserves are provided below:

### **1. DSG Reserve**

The overall Schools Budget for 2021/22, excluding individual school balances, was an underspend of £8.393m. Details of this figure are provided in the Schools Budget



Outturn report 2021/22. This underspend has been added to the DSG Reserve as at 31 March 2022.

The outturn position for the DSG Reserve is therefore a balance of £24.489m.

This is the highest level of DSG Reserve held since the year ending March 2015.

## **2. Schools in Financial Difficulty Reserve**

In order to maximise the funding available in the Schools in Financial Difficulty (SIFD) Reserve, a number of adjustments have been made to the reserve in 2021/22.

This includes unallocated schools income, which has been placed in the reserve at year end. This is money received and held in the county councils schools' income account, until it is identified and transferred to the appropriate school. Ongoing work continues to trace and allocate this income correctly, so the figures will reduce as income is identified and allocated.

As members will be aware, convertor academies take a surplus or deficit balance with them to their academy trust, whereas the balance at forced academies remains with the LA. Where balances have accrued due to academy conversions, these have been transferred to the SIFD reserve.

Including the above and underspends, the reserve has increased by £1.9m in year. The level of expenditure is expected to increase in 2022/23 as the educational recovery from the pandemic continues and due to significant inflation causing increased cost pressures.

These in year movements leave the final year end position on the reserve at circa £3.9m.

## **3. De-Delegation Reserve**

The de-delegation reserve ended the year with a surplus of circa £0.9m.

There was a net underspend on de-delegations in 2021/22 of circa £0.15m.

Members will recall that for the Inclusion Hubs de-delegation the LA includes adjustments relating to inclusion hub funding that has been delegated to banker schools at the start of the year. So that individual school balances at certain banker schools were not artificially high, which would impact on school year end balances reporting and national benchmarking, this funding was held by the LA for year end accounting purposes and then redistributed to the relevant banker schools in the new financial year. These adjustments are included in the opening and closing balances of the de-delegation reserve and equate to circa £0.4m.

## **4. School Teaching and Support Staff Supply Reimbursement Scheme**

The staff reimbursement scheme ended the year with an underspend of circa £0.4m, leaving an outturn position of circa £2.3m.

The overall in year position includes a surplus on the teacher scheme of just under £0.6m, which was offset by a circa £0.2m deficit on the support staff scheme.

This level of overall surplus is higher than may have been expected following the covid related staffing absences during the 2021/22 financial year, which was particularly concerning around the time that the omicron variant was taking hold. However, the unavailability of supply staff and the fact that absences were so great that some schools needed to close for short periods of time, meant that the demand on the supply budget was not as great as could have been the case.

The Forum has previously agreed that any year end balance above £1.25m should be redistributed to scheme members. The working group may wish to consider if £1.25m remains an appropriate maximum level for the reserve or if it should increase to say £1.5m. Whatever level is agreed, the Forum are asked to support the redistribution of the scheme reserve above that level back to scheme members.

Taking account of the deficit on the support staff element of the scheme, it is proposed that the 'excess' scheme reserve should be redistributed on the basis of the contribution levels to the teaching staff scheme only.

For 2023/24, members will need to consider a rise in the premiums charged for the support staff scheme, but it may be possible to hold the premiums on the teaching element of the scheme to 2022/23 levels. Further reports will be presented to the Forum in due course.

## **5. School Reserves**

As set out earlier in the report, school balances increased to just over £95m at the end of 2021/22, when school closure/academisation adjustments are taken into account.

The total of all schools reserves is therefore £126.872m at 31 March 2022, an increase of nearly £16m.

## Annex A

Sch no	DFE No	Sch name	Phase	Revenue open balance 1/04/21	Revenue in year movement 21/22	Revenue close balance 31/03/22	Revenue cfr income	NOR	Balance as % of CFR income	Balance per pupil
01162	1049	Appletree Nursery	Nursery	-£183,042	-£24,125	-£207,167	£318,593	53	-65%	-£3,909
06160	1021	Stoneygate Nursery	Nursery	£14,311	-£5,721	£8,590	£410,323	63	2%	£136
08160	1018	Moorgate Nursery	Nursery	-£32,624	-£6,756	-£39,380	£204,110	19	-19%	-£2,073
09160	1003	Highfield Nursery	Nursery	£53,452	£28,411	£81,863	£454,856	63	18%	£1,299
09161	1002	Duke Street Nursery	Nursery	£65,461	-£2,184	£63,278	£583,240	117	11%	£541
11160	1000	Lee Royd Nursery	Nursery	£30,904	-£6,469	£24,434	£434,657	77	6%	£317
11161	1024	Fairfield Nursery	Nursery	£31,762	-£33,139	-£1,376	£367,410	62	0%	-£22
11162	1027	Ribblesdale Nursery	Nursery	£22,946	£20,378	£43,323	£344,235	44	13%	£985
12166	1008	Ightenhill Nursery	Nursery	£93,458	£20,609	£114,067	£417,122	68	27%	£1,677
12168	1001	Rockwood Nursery	Nursery	£94,592	£31,675	£126,267	£565,357	87	22%	£1,451
12169	1007	Rosegrove Nursery	Nursery	£60,068	-£12,162	£47,907	£456,440	60	10%	£798
12171	1011	Stoneyholme Nursery	Nursery	£128,055	£7,271	£135,326	£420,174	67	32%	£2,020
12172	1035	Whitegate Nursery	Nursery	-£20,626	£26,995	£6,369	£531,039	99	1%	£64
12173	1047	Basnett Street Nursery	Nursery	£99,892	£8,568	£108,460	£590,767	76	18%	£1,427
12174	1048	Taywood Nursery	Nursery	-£178,881	-£6,138	-£185,019	£693,296	83	-27%	-£2,229
12175	1050	Reedley Hallows Nursery	Nursery	£129,604	-£30,100	£99,504	£742,585	144	13%	£691
13160	1015	Bradley Nursery	Nursery	£142,044	£35,335	£177,380	£910,396	164	19%	£1,082
13161	1016	Walton Lane Nursery	Nursery	£94,259	-£115,201	-£20,942	£816,700	60	-3%	-£349
13162	1026	Woodfield Nursery	Nursery	£89,500	-£22,856	£66,644	£431,075	79	15%	£844
13163	1034	Nelson Mcmillan Nursery	Nursery	-£17,667	£42,936	£25,269	£330,238	66	8%	£383
13164	1028	Colne Newtown Nursery	Nursery	-£105,406	-£31,319	-£136,725	£543,852	68	-25%	-£2,011
14161	1031	Hillside Nursery	Nursery	-£6,068	£27,997	£21,929	£372,739	53	6%	£414
14162	1037	Bacup Nursery	Nursery	£47,198	£63,489	£110,687	£558,564	86	20%	£1,287
14163	1046	Staghills Nursery	Nursery	£91,344	£35,335	£126,679	£760,221	87	17%	£1,456
01001	2017	Bowerham Community	Primary	£213,746	£45,806	£259,552	£2,346,382	493	11%	£526
01002	2019	Dallas Road Community	Primary	£218,326	£117,676	£336,002	£2,034,065	396	17%	£848
01003	2024	Willow Lane Community	Primary	£147,095	-£7,034	£140,061	£1,252,948	199	11%	£704
01005	3530	Christ Church CE	Primary	£112,029	-£28,192	£83,836	£1,021,840	208	8%	£403
01006	3531	Scotforth St Paul's CE	Primary	£121,182	-£29,759	£91,422	£1,030,597	219	9%	£417
01009	3533	Skerton St Luke's CE	Primary	£120,848	-£9,057	£111,792	£1,156,522	199	10%	£562
01010	3706	The Cathedral Catholic	Primary	£159,142	-£14,121	£145,021	£1,105,209	205	13%	£707
01011	2020	Lancaster Ridge Primary	Primary	£218,497	-£36,646	£181,851	£999,972	141	18%	£1,290
01012	2021	Lancaster Ryelands	Primary	£296,391	-£44,275	£252,116	£2,393,413	372	11%	£678
01013	3520	Arkholme CE Primary	Primary	£52,372	£5,131	£57,504	£575,546	89	10%	£646
01014	3521	Caton St Paul's CE	Primary	£154,894	-£4,664	£150,231	£857,450	166	18%	£905
01015	2370	Moorside Primary	Primary	£328,160	-£129,465	£198,695	£3,117,540	622	6%	£319
01016	3527	St Wilfrid's CE. Halton	Primary	£279,551	-£8,293	£271,258	£1,086,377	235	25%	£1,154
01017	3528	Hornby St Margaret's CE	Primary	£63,165	-£9,849	£53,316	£350,713	48	15%	£1,111
01018	2031	Nether Kellet Community	Primary	£76,584	-£1,342	£75,243	£583,409	109	13%	£690
01019	3670	Ov Kell Wilson's Endowed	Primary	-£1,890	£3,283	£1,393	£686,340	122	0%	£11
01020	3534	Leck St Peter's CE	Primary	£61,901	£4,612	£66,513	£334,539	47	20%	£1,415
01021	3535	Melling St Wilfrid CE	Primary	£49,782	-£350	£49,431	£298,716	33	17%	£1,498
01022	3082	Quernmore CE Primary	Primary	£36,456	-£10,828	£25,628	£533,685	98	5%	£262
01023	3084	Tatham Fells CE Primary	Primary	£65,483	£14,374	£79,857	£346,592	40	23%	£1,996
01024	3607	St Bernadette's Catholic	Primary	£139,147	-£13,626	£125,522	£944,607	211	13%	£595
01025	2653	Caton Community Primary	Primary	£3,442	£16,191	£19,634	£387,881	70	5%	£280
01027	3017	Wray With Botton Endowed	Primary	£91,860	-£39,803	£52,057	£382,086	53	14%	£982
01028	3519	Cfth Christ Church CE	Primary	£52,838	-£34,675	£18,163	£691,760	115	3%	£158
01029	3543	Slyne-With-Hest St Lukes	Primary	£58,456	£29,052	£87,508	£1,132,371	221	8%	£396
01030	3518	Bolton-Le-Sands CE	Primary	£108,290	-£21,755	£86,535	£1,409,842	310	6%	£279
01031	3703	Our Lady Of Lourdes	Primary	£47,310	-£35,885	£11,426	£494,822	74	2%	£154
01032	3168	Archbishop Hutton's	Primary	£40,914	£29,474	£70,388	£630,104	98	11%	£718
01034	3551	Yealand CE Primary	Primary	£68,729	-£26,165	£42,564	£293,724	34	14%	£1,252
01035	3542	Silverdale St John's CE	Primary	£51,781	-£2,772	£49,009	£459,474	65	11%	£754
01036	3546	Thurnham Glasson CE	Primary	£65,280	-£560	£64,719	£246,090	12	26%	£5,393
01038	3522	Cockerham Parochial CE	Primary	-£2,018	-£8,566	-£10,584	£520,736	88	-2%	-£120
01039	3524	Dolphinholme CE Primary	Primary	£57,458	-£38,213	£19,245	£573,623	92	3%	£209
01041	3525	Ellel St John CE	Primary	£107,813	£4,105	£111,918	£1,015,736	211	11%	£530
01042	3539	Abbeystead Cawthorn End	Primary	£55,053	£7,665	£62,718	£277,953	34	23%	£1,845
01044	2014	Carnforth North Road	Primary	£15,434	£24,681	£40,115	£720,071	116	6%	£346
01046	3538	Overton St Helen's CE	Primary	£152,613	-£10,277	£142,336	£896,020	172	16%	£828

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01049	2576	Great Wood Primary	Primary	£265,818	£54,495	£320,313	£2,002,379	418	16%	£766
01050	2425	Torrisholme Community	Primary	£173,988	£17,016	£191,004	£1,929,172	415	10%	£460
01051	2025	Morecambe Bay Community	Primary	£66	£30,706	£30,772	£1,934,572	306	2%	£101
01052	2029	West End Primary	Primary	£162,172	-£5,603	£156,568	£1,249,892	176	13%	£890
01053	2028	Sandylands Community	Primary	£224,503	£8,578	£233,081	£2,417,224	422	10%	£552
01054	2027	Lancaster Road Primary	Primary	£413,973	-£100,725	£313,249	£3,171,685	587	10%	£534
01055	3537	Poulton-Le-Sands CE	Primary	£110,646	£11,704	£122,350	£1,010,041	162	12%	£755
01056	3536	Heysham St Peter's CE	Primary	£124,216	£20,574	£144,790	£1,134,354	247	13%	£586
01057	3707	St Mary's Catholic Morecambe	Primary	£233,942	-£56,262	£177,680	£1,053,854	172	17%	£1,033
01058	2368	Trumacar Community	Primary	£316,445	£32,181	£348,627	£1,880,291	364	19%	£958
01059	3605	St Patrick's. Morecambe	Primary	£130,498	-£21,668	£108,830	£1,121,803	201	10%	£541
01060	2827	Westgate Primary School	Primary	£260,493	£10,009	£270,502	£3,116,599	591	9%	£458
01061	2831	Grosvenor Park Primary	Primary	£118,226	-£15,360	£102,867	£1,613,754	312	6%	£330
01062	2832	Mossgate Primary	Primary	£118,247	-£3,070	£115,177	£1,138,622	209	10%	£551
02001	2396	Carr Head Primary	Primary	£160,077	-£15,115	£144,962	£1,096,070	202	13%	£718
02002	2541	The Breck Primary	Primary	£168,254	-£39,383	£128,871	£1,404,910	283	9%	£455
02003	2622	Carleton Green Community	Primary	£209,349	£4,520	£213,869	£1,656,027	313	13%	£683
02005	3570	St Chad's CE Primary	Primary	£80,223	£16,805	£97,028	£1,075,567	244	9%	£398
02006	3719	St John's. Poulton	Primary	£80,218	£16,288	£96,506	£962,869	211	10%	£457
02007	3571	Carleton St Hilda's CE	Primary	£83,073	£7,967	£91,040	£968,128	199	9%	£457
02008	2822	Chaucer Community	Primary	£193,525	-£22,878	£170,647	£1,628,891	264	10%	£646
02009	3709	St Mary's Catholic Fleetwood	Primary	£70,894	£150	£71,045	£981,526	154	7%	£461
02013	2527	Larkholme Primary	Primary	£39,528	-£11,092	£28,436	£1,453,780	300	2%	£95
02014	2404	Charles Saer Community	Primary	£282,562	£25,516	£308,078	£1,991,493	323	15%	£954
02016	2821	Shakespeare Primary	Primary	£286,133	-£24,024	£262,109	£2,046,129	416	13%	£630
02017	3711	St Wulstans & St Edmunds	Primary	£77,606	-£53,422	£24,184	£1,264,809	222	2%	£109
02018	2836	Fleetwood Flakefleet	Primary	£216,108	-£166,817	£49,291	£2,698,440	481	2%	£102
02019	3126	Carter's Charity Primary	Primary	£128,844	-£21,476	£107,368	£950,960	180	11%	£596
02020	3572	Fleetwood's Charity CE	Primary	£140,174	-£30,029	£110,145	£785,337	118	14%	£933
02022	3568	Pilling St John's CE	Primary	£76,434	-£8,098	£68,337	£608,698	111	11%	£616
02023	3718	St William's Catholic	Primary	£5,289	£20,092	£25,381	£415,750	33	6%	£769
02024	3554	Great Eccleston Copp CE	Primary	£38,329	-£5,743	£32,586	£773,997	153	4%	£213
02025	3712	St Mary's. Gt Eccleston	Primary	£14,590	£24,919	£39,509	£324,812	42	12%	£941
02027	2045	Stalmine Primary	Primary	£55,777	£11,089	£66,866	£533,067	93	13%	£719
02030	2517	Stanah Primary	Primary	£263,302	-£42,190	£221,112	£1,928,149	400	11%	£553
02031	2492	Northfold Community	Primary	£195,501	-£17,217	£178,284	£1,038,158	210	17%	£849
02032	3720	Sacred Heart. Thornton	Primary	£122,668	£27,303	£149,970	£1,002,874	198	15%	£757
02033	3125	Baines Endowed Primary	Primary	£139,972	-£6,977	£132,994	£1,078,801	207	12%	£642
02035	2047	Thornton Primary	Primary	£52,589	£1,798	£54,387	£914,132	132	6%	£412
02036	2048	Royles Brook Primary	Primary	£144,667	-£7,177	£137,490	£1,379,734	296	10%	£464
02037	3016	Kirkland St Helen's CE	Primary	£91,095	-£43,244	£47,851	£732,600	155	7%	£309
02038	2030	Nateby Primary	Primary	£31,340	-£5,791	£25,549	£523,177	85	5%	£301
02039	2016	Forton Primary	Primary	£75,871	£2,057	£77,927	£436,798	71	18%	£1,098
02040	3548	St Michael's-On-Wyre CE	Primary	£73,399	-£17,696	£55,703	£717,347	119	8%	£468
02042	3704	St Mary's. Claughton	Primary	£63,598	-£6,888	£56,710	£329,267	43	17%	£1,319
02043	3516	Bilsborrow John Cross CE	Primary	£73,222	-£961	£72,261	£511,193	74	14%	£977
02044	3515	Calder Vale St Johns CE	Primary	£51,798	-£22,989	£28,809	£323,408	19	9%	£1,516
02045	3529	Inskip St Peter's CE	Primary	£61,157	-£2,380	£58,776	£382,317	58	15%	£1,013
02046	3526	Garstang St Thomas' CE	Primary	£151,731	-£31,193	£120,538	£1,061,079	213	11%	£566
02047	3550	Winmarleigh CE Primary	Primary	£97,415	£7,006	£104,421	£319,684	26	33%	£4,016
02048	3668	Scorton CE Primary	Primary	£45,556	-£37,109	£8,447	£360,281	54	2%	£156
02049	2530	Garstang Community	Primary	£87,423	-£15,552	£71,871	£974,056	205	7%	£351
02050	3702	Ss Mary & Michael	Primary	£45,295	-£5,799	£39,496	£645,357	112	6%	£353
02051	3075	Staining CE Primary	Primary	£99,690	-£70,831	£28,859	£1,034,746	223	3%	£129
02052	2826	Manor Beach Primary	Primary	£194,527	-£10,820	£183,707	£1,297,592	204	14%	£901
04029	3575	Weeton St Michael's CE	Primary	£66,218	£43,263	£109,482	£430,653	47	25%	£2,329
04030	3573	Ribby W Wrea Endowed CE	Primary	£107,789	£6,970	£114,760	£824,887	155	14%	£740
04032	3553	Freckleton CE Primary	Primary	£89,585	-£8,735	£80,850	£1,028,166	200	8%	£404
04033	3574	Singleton CE Primary	Primary	£77,296	-£11,879	£65,418	£534,349	104	12%	£629
04034	5200	Newton Bluecoat CE	Primary	£98,509	£3,594	£102,103	£1,094,660	203	9%	£503
04035	3616	Holy Family. Warton	Primary	£86,003	-£45,152	£40,851	£705,823	133	6%	£307

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04036	2446	Freckleton Strike Lane	Primary	£39,868	£25,680	£65,548	£990,834	178	7%	£368
04037	3557	Kirkham St Michael's CE	Primary	£72,096	£23,488	£95,584	£1,121,284	192	9%	£498
04038	3713	The Willows Catholic	Primary	£155,119	-£27,269	£127,850	£1,054,155	212	12%	£603
04039	2041	Kirkham & Wesham Primary	Primary	£90,529	£4,431	£94,960	£1,025,763	203	9%	£468
04040	3717	St Joseph's. Wesham	Primary	£77,248	-£29,116	£48,132	£611,923	107	8%	£450
04041	3565	Medlar-With-Wesham CE	Primary	£150,734	-£32,227	£118,507	£975,525	199	12%	£596
04042	3976	Treales CE Primary	Primary	£61,872	-£18,575	£43,297	£415,665	61	10%	£710
04043	2406	Weeton Primary	Primary	£228,434	-£15,273	£213,161	£1,150,212	182	19%	£1,171
04044	2426	Lytham St Annes Mayfield	Primary	£130,384	-£35,387	£94,997	£1,473,977	269	6%	£353
04045	2497	Lytham St Annes Clifton	Primary	£91,425	-£50,930	£40,494	£1,425,415	255	3%	£159
04046	2042	Lytham St Annes Ansdell	Primary	£84,603	£35,374	£119,977	£1,252,704	243	10%	£494
04047	3814	Heyhouses Endowed CE	Primary	£180,917	£43,878	£224,796	£2,887,708	600	8%	£375
04048	3715	Our Lady Star Of The Sea	Primary	£120,980	£11,851	£132,831	£1,069,557	210	12%	£633
04049	3562	Lytham CE Primary	Primary	£81,431	-£29,233	£52,198	£1,086,899	203	5%	£257
04050	3716	St Peter's Catholic	Primary	£31,676	-£6,047	£25,628	£1,120,441	201	2%	£128
04051	3564	St Thomas' CE Primary	Primary	£88,717	-£6,687	£82,029	£980,881	207	8%	£396
04052	2615	Lytham Hall Park	Primary	£232,181	£32,387	£264,568	£1,949,962	406	14%	£652
06001	3638	Blessed Sacrament	Primary	£297,956	£14,885	£312,840	£2,275,807	378	14%	£828
06002	2185	Brookfield Community	Primary	£114,203	-£16,419	£97,784	£1,099,792	185	9%	£529
06005	2188	Eldon Primary	Primary	£239,443	£20,273	£259,716	£1,296,291	229	20%	£1,134
06007	3639	English Martyrs Catholic	Primary	£109,088	-£45,784	£63,304	£1,175,146	219	5%	£289
06008	2189	Brockholes Wood Primary	Primary	£168,259	£6,931	£175,190	£1,374,868	241	13%	£727
06009	2190	Frenchwood Community	Primary	£237,215	-£65,131	£172,085	£1,699,486	325	10%	£529
06010	2191	Preston Grange Primary	Primary	£213,708	-£21,603	£192,104	£1,126,609	185	17%	£1,038
06011	2192	Greenlands Community	Primary	£121,543	£13,478	£135,021	£1,262,788	198	11%	£682
06012	2193	Holme Slack Community	Primary	£203,466	-£55,571	£147,895	£1,362,583	198	11%	£747
06013	3653	Holy Family Catholic	Primary	£130,027	-£32,119	£97,908	£865,809	166	11%	£590
06014	2200	Ingol Primary	Primary	£183,743	-£48,426	£135,317	£1,192,521	184	11%	£735
06016	2196	Moor Nook Community	Primary	£200,909	£17,240	£218,150	£1,370,509	212	16%	£1,029
06019	2195	Ribbleton Avenue Infant	Primary	£139,417	-£37,575	£101,842	£1,266,086	237	8%	£430
06020	3001	Ribbleton Ave Meth Jnr	Primary	£225,386	£70,780	£296,166	£1,503,980	262	20%	£1,130
06021	2197	The Roebuck	Primary	£189,998	£38,453	£228,451	£1,694,868	309	13%	£739
06022	3642	Sacred Heart. Preston	Primary	£245,350	-£42,663	£202,687	£1,039,059	191	20%	£1,061
06023	3634	St Andrew's CE	Primary	£230,389	-£43,357	£187,032	£1,972,497	418	9%	£447
06024	3643	St Augustine's Catholic	Primary	£214,151	-£57,121	£157,030	£1,397,736	255	11%	£616
06025	3352	St Bernard's Catholic	Primary	£153,127	£6,751	£159,879	£1,157,422	213	14%	£751
06026	3646	St Gregory's Catholic	Primary	£138,573	-£28,605	£109,968	£1,113,540	206	10%	£534
06027	3647	St Ignatius Catholic	Primary	£139,994	-£15,273	£124,721	£983,807	180	13%	£693
06028	3322	St Joseph's. Preston	Primary	£312,307	-£69,443	£242,864	£1,881,192	328	13%	£740
06029	3645	St Maria Goretti	Primary	£124,394	£56,920	£181,314	£1,093,410	209	17%	£868
06031	3009	St Stephens CE	Primary	£261,779	-£55,956	£205,822	£1,635,259	296	13%	£695
06033	2198	Ashton Primary	Primary	£186,593	-£39,426	£147,168	£1,191,016	211	12%	£697
06035	2704	Preston Fishwick Primary	Primary	£132,904	-£8,804	£124,101	£1,201,223	147	10%	£844
06036	3954	St Teresa's. Preston	Primary	£151,780	£37,531	£189,310	£1,102,071	181	17%	£1,046
06037	2054	Lea Community Primary	Primary	£93,955	£87,348	£181,303	£1,501,223	241	12%	£752
06038	3582	Lea Neeld's Endowed CE	Primary	£74,542	-£46,262	£28,281	£759,889	141	4%	£201
06039	3726	Lea St Mary's Catholic	Primary	£89,691	£5,569	£95,259	£572,911	104	17%	£916
06040	2062	Catforth Primary	Primary	£114,870	£16,096	£130,966	£527,118	88	25%	£1,488
06041	2818	Sherwood Primary	Primary	£247,568	-£18,883	£228,686	£1,957,402	422	12%	£542
06042	2838	Cottam Primary	Primary	£81,488	£25,183	£106,671	£1,028,151	211	10%	£506
06043	3597	Woodplumpton St Annes CE	Primary	£47,713	-£7,123	£40,590	£574,721	104	7%	£390
06044	3578	Broughton CE Primary	Primary	£86,642	£55,910	£142,551	£1,368,553	277	10%	£515
06046	3577	Barton St Lawrence CE	Primary	£97,942	-£1,231	£96,711	£848,375	186	11%	£520
06047	3339	St Marys & St Andrews	Primary	£112,540	£5,179	£117,719	£680,464	122	17%	£965
06048	3579	Oliverson's CE Primary	Primary	£71,920	-£21,968	£49,952	£914,165	192	5%	£260
06049	3725	St Francis Catholic	Primary	£81,802	-£8,447	£73,355	£690,040	92	11%	£797
06050	2053	Goosnargh Whitechapel	Primary	£79,444	-£26,394	£53,050	£466,380	85	11%	£624
06051	3580	Grimsargh St Michael's	Primary	£137,491	-£30,482	£107,009	£1,059,664	207	10%	£517
06052	3601	Our Lady & St Edward's	Primary	£140,114	£6,181	£146,295	£1,063,924	210	14%	£697
06053	3949	St Anthony's Catholic	Primary	£103,193	£40,477	£143,670	£1,483,753	315	10%	£456
06054	3611	St Clare's Catholic	Primary	£146,742	-£3,001	£143,741	£1,211,764	253	12%	£568

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06055	2052	Kennington Primary	Primary	£79,624	-£7,203	£72,421	£1,271,702	245	6%	£296
06056	3301	Fulwood St Peter's CE	Primary	£142,494	-£58,606	£83,888	£1,118,339	237	8%	£354
06057	2050	Fulwood & Cadley Primary	Primary	£235,047	-£88,167	£146,880	£1,532,107	313	10%	£469
06058	2051	Harris Primary	Primary	£133,159	-£10,975	£122,184	£1,000,639	210	12%	£582
06060	2509	Queen's Drive Primary	Primary	£412,772	£107,742	£520,514	£2,189,155	418	24%	£1,245
06062	2703	Pool House Community	Primary	£157,649	-£31,254	£126,395	£1,093,066	174	12%	£726
06064	3129	Brabin's Endowed	Primary	£40,932	£53,014	£93,946	£556,322	71	17%	£1,323
06065	3743	St Mary's. Chipping	Primary	£56,213	-£11,176	£45,037	£353,840	36	13%	£1,251
06066	3727	Alston Lane Catholic	Primary	£177,555	£35,533	£213,088	£1,134,174	232	19%	£918
06067	3583	Longridge CE Primary	Primary	£114,064	-£32,621	£81,443	£834,594	181	10%	£450
06068	5203	Barnacre Rd Primary	Primary	£12,425	-£6,306	£6,118	£1,054,347	211	1%	£29
06069	3728	St Wilfrid's. Longridge	Primary	£190,617	£29,700	£220,317	£936,617	181	24%	£1,217
06070	3589	Ribchester St Wilfrid's	Primary	£54,500	-£27,582	£26,918	£450,288	84	6%	£320
06071	2833	Longsands Community	Primary	£192,604	-£52,587	£140,017	£987,085	208	14%	£673
06604	2187	Deepdale Infants	Primary	£352,274	-£153,519	£198,755	£3,173,187	626	6%	£318
07001	2842	Cuerden Church	Primary	£127,613	-£17,869	£109,743	£1,043,219	201	11%	£546
07004	3736	Our Lady & St Gerards RC	Primary	£309,626	£86,980	£396,606	£1,584,523	339	25%	£1,170
07005	3127	Higher Walton CE Primary	Primary	£46,107	£12,176	£58,284	£739,149	116	8%	£502
07006	3738	St Patrick's RC Primary	Primary	£63,543	£25,374	£88,917	£936,079	182	9%	£489
07007	3085	St Aidan's CE Primary	Primary	£83,607	-£16,016	£67,591	£814,238	136	8%	£497
07008	3596	St Leonard's CE Primary	Primary	£104,010	£1,887	£105,897	£1,344,454	279	8%	£380
07009	2060	Lostock Hall Community	Primary	£269,736	-£58,033	£211,703	£2,113,178	425	10%	£498
07012	2437	Walton-Le-Dale Community	Primary	£155,703	£82,677	£238,381	£2,163,705	428	11%	£557
07013	2637	Coupe Green Primary	Primary	£69,217	£3,508	£72,725	£770,864	150	9%	£485
07014	3981	St Mary & Benedict's RC	Primary	£254,708	-£67,758	£186,950	£1,478,719	292	13%	£640
07015	3025	St Andrew's CE Infant	Primary	£148,220	£37,254	£185,473	£1,052,659	173	18%	£1,072
07016	3141	Leyland Methodist Junior	Primary	£216,221	£43,682	£259,903	£1,301,272	269	20%	£966
07017	3411	Leyland St James CE	Primary	£118,051	-£13,467	£104,584	£1,266,138	227	8%	£461
07018	3793	St Mary's RC. Leyland	Primary	£206,725	-£46,894	£159,831	£1,399,762	264	11%	£605
07019	2150	Woodlea Junior	Primary	£197,843	£31,706	£229,549	£1,250,020	236	18%	£973
07020	2554	Lever House Primary	Primary	£249,014	-£37,850	£211,165	£1,458,338	314	14%	£672
07021	3608	St Catherine's Catholic	Primary	£121,504	-£19,925	£101,579	£1,070,752	225	9%	£451
07022	3600	St Anne's Catholic	Primary	£108,933	£30,996	£139,929	£1,068,716	185	13%	£756
07025	2427	Seven Stars Primary	Primary	£76,903	-£47,443	£29,460	£1,456,342	218	2%	£135
07026	2814	Moss Side Primary	Primary	£195,109	-£29,849	£165,259	£1,251,443	251	13%	£658
07028	3666	Farington St Paul's CE	Primary	£169,673	-£6,309	£163,363	£956,624	195	17%	£838
07030	2830	Longton Primary	Primary	£70,734	-£3,621	£67,113	£1,042,973	207	6%	£324
07032	3729	St Oswald's. Longton	Primary	£147,658	-£17,363	£130,295	£1,124,478	242	12%	£538
07033	3585	New Longton All Saints'	Primary	£122,974	£47,003	£169,977	£1,030,971	213	16%	£798
07036	3586	Hoole St Michael CE	Primary	£37,056	-£13,828	£23,229	£526,726	97	4%	£239
07037	2055	Little Hoole Primary	Primary	£19,794	£22,208	£42,003	£950,135	202	4%	£208
07039	3018	Cop Lane CE Primary	Primary	£77,017	-£34,752	£42,264	£947,962	208	4%	£203
07040	3089	Middleforth CE Primary	Primary	£183,796	£33,821	£217,617	£1,146,756	203	19%	£1,072
07041	3019	Howick CE Primary	Primary	£38,256	£1,007	£39,264	£571,949	107	7%	£367
07042	3730	St Mary Magdalen's	Primary	£38,319	£18,640	£56,959	£1,026,872	212	6%	£269
07043	2058	Penwortham Primary	Primary	£95,749	-£19,890	£75,860	£929,538	208	8%	£365
07044	2514	Whitefield Primary	Primary	£204,803	£91,200	£296,003	£1,869,111	391	16%	£757
07045	3953	St Teresa's. Penwortham	Primary	£150,440	-£34,558	£115,881	£1,272,001	272	9%	£426
07046	2405	Kingsfold Primary	Primary	£158,127	£67,655	£225,782	£820,478	109	28%	£2,071
07047	2815	Penwortham Broad Oak	Primary	£149,278	£7,049	£156,326	£1,084,610	191	14%	£818
07051	3590	Samlesbury CE	Primary	£61,615	£15,615	£77,230	£461,941	74	17%	£1,044
07616	3143	Leyland Methodist Infant	Primary	£174,724	-£52,316	£122,408	£964,011	200	13%	£612
08001	3078	Burs Bridge.St John's CE	Primary	£67,519	-£49,261	£18,258	£802,794	168	2%	£109
08002	3146	Burs Bridge Methodist	Primary	£63,438	£9,274	£72,713	£396,091	50	18%	£1,454
08003	3800	St John's Burscough	Primary	£108,579	-£53,987	£54,592	£519,231	93	11%	£587
08004	3029	Lathom Park CE Primary	Primary	£73,045	-£34,995	£38,050	£429,323	47	9%	£810
08005	3426	Newburgh CE Primary	Primary	£65,978	-£32,092	£33,886	£676,811	130	5%	£261
08006	3080	Lathom St James' CE	Primary	£63,148	£5,841	£68,989	£613,379	108	11%	£639
08007	3424	Lordsgate Township CE	Primary	£139,877	-£46,674	£93,203	£857,170	189	11%	£493
08009	2597	Ormskirk Asmall Primary	Primary	£73,117	-£6,115	£67,002	£907,844	136	7%	£493
08011	3031	Ormskirk CE Primary	Primary	£122,676	-£6,030	£116,646	£2,323,336	394	5%	£296

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08012	3801	Ormskirk St Anne's	Primary	£240,184	£36,181	£276,365	£1,808,785	348	15%	£794
08014	2415	Ormskirk West End	Primary	£58,588	£7,033	£65,622	£627,298	94	10%	£698
08016	2695	Burscough Village	Primary	£88,894	£17,764	£106,658	£1,106,030	205	10%	£520
08018	3087	Bickerstaffe CE	Primary	£121,342	£2,883	£124,226	£565,128	90	22%	£1,380
08019	2443	Aughton Town Green	Primary	£56,340	£17,784	£74,123	£1,567,857	334	5%	£222
08020	3026	Christ Church CE Primary	Primary	£81,303	£37,036	£118,339	£985,129	208	12%	£569
08021	3108	Aughton St Michael's CE	Primary	£52,351	-£5,714	£46,638	£984,289	203	5%	£230
08022	5206	Rufford CE Primary	Primary	£94,747	£5,413	£100,160	£705,369	142	14%	£705
08023	3147	Holmeswood Methodist	Primary	£75,736	-£4,528	£71,207	£451,749	52	16%	£1,369
08024	3185	Richard Durnings Endowed	Primary	£26,873	-£11,019	£15,853	£496,652	82	3%	£193
08025	3419	Haskayne CE Primary	Primary	£29,250	-£12,590	£16,659	£360,277	46	5%	£362
08026	3420	Halsall St Cuthbert's CE	Primary	£69,889	-£48,697	£21,192	£719,293	164	3%	£129
08027	3191	Scarisbrick St Mark's CE	Primary	£69,892	£3,859	£73,750	£416,719	48	18%	£1,536
08028	3803	Scarisbrick St Mary's	Primary	£13,856	£24,291	£38,147	£635,698	90	6%	£424
08029	2156	Pinfold Primary	Primary	£99,816	-£39,032	£60,784	£319,754	28	19%	£2,171
08031	3804	St Richards.Skelmersdale	Primary	£203,296	-£109,684	£93,612	£1,202,632	219	8%	£427
08033	2656	Holland Moor Primary	Primary	£183,349	-£46,846	£136,504	£2,486,679	488	5%	£280
08034	2696	Cobbs Brow	Primary	£178,426	-£24,035	£154,391	£1,599,662	318	10%	£486
08036	3614	St James'. Skelmersdale	Primary	£125,901	-£40,442	£85,459	£911,048	189	9%	£452
08038	3179	Skelmersdale Trinity	Primary	£100,548	-£39,168	£61,380	£1,333,559	248	5%	£247
08040	2705	Crow Orchard Primary	Primary	£129,234	-£1,981	£127,252	£769,813	110	17%	£1,157
08043	2525	Little Digmoor Primary	Primary	-£4,877	-£9,575	-£14,452	£799,497	128	-2%	-£113
08045	3677	Bishop Martin CE Primary	Primary	£162,692	-£78,171	£84,521	£1,368,364	220	6%	£384
08046	2526	Hillside Community	Primary	£162,335	-£60,114	£102,221	£1,101,517	195	9%	£524
08050	3618	St Edmunds.Skelmersdale	Primary	£22,077	£22,752	£44,829	£662,384	77	7%	£582
08051	3610	St John's. Skelmersdale	Primary	£343,291	-£60,155	£283,137	£1,131,096	185	25%	£1,530
08054	2552	Delph Side Community	Primary	£133,393	£11,944	£145,337	£1,440,460	230	10%	£632
08060	3833	St Teresa's. Up Holland	Primary	£108,563	£28,919	£137,482	£1,082,215	223	13%	£617
08061	3459	Up Holland Roby Mill CE	Primary	£166,675	-£27,325	£139,350	£250,750	15	56%	£9,290
08062	3457	St Thomas The Martyr CE	Primary	£251,755	-£87,523	£164,233	£1,082,566	207	15%	£793
08063	2183	Crawford Village Primary	Primary	£73,835	£20	£73,854	£492,082	79	15%	£935
08064	2184	Wrightington Mossy Lea	Primary	-£3,134	-£1,474	-£4,607	£221,189	20	-2%	-£230
08066	3461	Appley Bridge All Saints	Primary	£93,367	-£24,007	£69,359	£716,707	147	10%	£472
08067	3834	St Josephs. Wrightington	Primary	£66,877	-£21,962	£44,915	£648,418	111	7%	£405
08069	3831	Our Lady & All Saints RC	Primary	£68,634	-£33,389	£35,245	£615,490	105	6%	£336
08070	3448	Dalton St Michael's CE	Primary	£17,965	-£13,180	£4,786	£480,005	70	1%	£68
08071	2059	Tarleton Community	Primary	£40,744	£51,722	£92,466	£1,231,909	235	8%	£393
08072	3592	Tarleton Mere Brow CE	Primary	£13,590	-£16,793	-£3,203	£497,727	80	-1%	-£40
08073	3591	Tarleton Holy Trinity CE	Primary	£90,522	-£10,190	£80,333	£945,836	196	8%	£410
08074	3581	Hesketh With Bec'sall CE	Primary	£94,082	£53,025	£147,107	£1,000,687	211	15%	£697
08076	3169	Banks Methodist Primary	Primary	£85,582	-£11,123	£74,460	£511,153	75	15%	£993
08077	3098	Banks St Stephen's CE	Primary	£62,173	-£51,873	£10,300	£847,169	166	1%	£62
08078	3995	Brookfield Park	Primary	£120,430	-£8,497	£111,933	£979,125	170	11%	£658
08079	3996	Woodland	Primary	£208,721	£69,153	£277,874	£2,364,634	369	12%	£753
08080	3998	St Francis Of Assisi	Primary	£140,382	£38,233	£178,615	£1,218,859	168	15%	£1,063
09001	3389	Chorley All Saints' CE	Primary	£103,055	£5,296	£108,351	£1,308,166	219	8%	£495
09002	2835	Duke Street Primary	Primary	£212,188	£25,179	£237,367	£1,767,253	328	13%	£724
09003	2145	Highfield Primary	Primary	£63,841	-£63,771	£69	£1,597,040	254	0%	£0
09005	3390	St Laurence CE Primary	Primary	£138,947	£1,223	£140,170	£1,003,687	207	14%	£677
09006	3783	Sacred Heart. Chorley	Primary	£177,009	-£16,300	£160,709	£1,087,439	213	15%	£755
09007	3393	St George's CE Primary	Primary	£124,158	-£1,685	£122,473	£1,507,430	294	8%	£417
09008	3397	Chorley St James' CE	Primary	£113,625	£12,288	£125,914	£1,226,820	222	10%	£567
09009	3785	St Josephs. Chorley	Primary	£79,049	-£35,543	£43,506	£1,030,877	200	4%	£218
09010	2679	Gillibrand Primary	Primary	£252,175	-£79,801	£172,373	£1,112,323	209	15%	£825
09011	3786	St Mary's. Chorley	Primary	£71,734	£28,454	£100,188	£1,152,087	229	9%	£438
09012	5201	Chorley St Peter's CE	Primary	£279,044	£96,574	£375,618	£1,801,831	332	21%	£1,131
09014	3789	St Gregory's. Chorley	Primary	£140,459	-£12,162	£128,298	£1,052,175	212	12%	£605
09015	2146	Buckshaw Primary	Primary	£115,180	£23,244	£138,424	£1,263,657	232	11%	£597
09019	3481	Rivington Primary	Primary	-£14,842	£49,157	£34,315	£729,227	114	5%	£301
09022	2698	Adlington Primary	Primary	£67,912	-£16,598	£51,313	£777,773	140	7%	£367
09023	3796	St Joseph's Withnell	Primary	£53,128	-£50,389	£2,739	£571,626	100	0%	£27

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09024	2684	Lancaster Lane Community	Primary	£103,719	£6,374	£110,093	£1,143,693	210	10%	£524
09025	2636	Manor Road Primary	Primary	£116,194	£56,152	£172,346	£1,246,599	247	14%	£698
09026	2817	Westwood Primary	Primary	£107,754	-£56,879	£50,875	£961,047	186	5%	£274
09027	3781	Anderton St Joseph's	Primary	£76,236	£34,370	£110,607	£868,042	185	13%	£598
09028	2140	Anderton Primary	Primary	£47,579	-£31,547	£16,032	£965,911	190	2%	£84
09029	3386	Bretherton Endowed CE	Primary	£44,184	£20,589	£64,773	£650,761	110	10%	£589
09030	3387	Brindle St James' CE	Primary	£71,300	£831	£72,131	£438,315	66	16%	£1,093
09031	2142	Gregson Lane Primary	Primary	£37,144	-£36,266	£879	£929,444	178	0%	£5
09032	3782	St Joseph's. Brindle	Primary	£84,643	-£8,288	£76,355	£531,609	90	14%	£848
09033	3388	Charnock Richard CE	Primary	£121,433	£14,688	£136,122	£920,478	196	15%	£694
09034	3790	St Bede's. Clayton Green	Primary	£149,852	-£54,519	£95,332	£1,070,833	221	9%	£431
09035	3401	Clayton-Le-Woods CE	Primary	-£14,258	£6,577	-£7,682	£1,029,095	213	-1%	-£36
09036	3402	Coppull St John's CE	Primary	£130,171	-£40,309	£89,862	£608,794	113	15%	£795
09037	3403	Coppull Parish CE	Primary	£78,644	£13,336	£91,980	£981,893	213	9%	£432
09038	3791	St Oswald's. Coppull	Primary	£110,346	-£43,229	£67,117	£567,392	110	12%	£610
09039	2147	Coppull Primary	Primary	£229,527	-£157,838	£71,689	£1,756,311	320	4%	£224
09040	3343	Croston CE/Methodist	Primary	£141,407	-£18,266	£123,141	£1,008,635	212	12%	£581
09042	3406	Eccleston St Mary's CE	Primary	£106,074	-£12,308	£93,766	£934,310	198	10%	£474
09043	3407	Euxton CE Primary	Primary	£81,622	£32,453	£114,076	£1,129,628	212	10%	£538
09044	3792	Euxton St Marys Catholic	Primary	£55,649	-£33,152	£22,497	£938,504	206	2%	£109
09045	2572	Euxton Primrose Hill	Primary	£185,680	£117,094	£302,774	£2,141,002	423	14%	£716
09046	3409	Heskin Pemberton's CE	Primary	£70,692	-£34,363	£36,329	£559,642	101	6%	£360
09048	3412	Mawdesley St Peter's CE	Primary	£33,159	£712	£33,872	£537,336	87	6%	£389
09049	3794	Ss Peter And Paul	Primary	£11,980	-£8,899	£3,081	£370,173	45	1%	£68
09050	2577	Balshaw Lane Community	Primary	£186,237	£38,676	£224,913	£1,647,089	359	14%	£626
09052	2574	Eccleston Primary	Primary	£190,747	-£134,887	£55,860	£1,159,971	213	5%	£262
09053	2702	Clayton Brook Primary	Primary	£118,779	-£38,268	£80,511	£1,150,883	162	7%	£497
09054	3795	St Chad's Catholic	Primary	£28,315	£360	£28,675	£745,066	141	4%	£203
09055	3414	Whittle-Le-Woods CE	Primary	£163,404	£23,857	£187,262	£1,284,017	243	15%	£771
09060	3997	St John's CE/Methodist	Primary	£149,141	-£3,902	£145,239	£1,043,779	210	14%	£692
09062	2565	Abbey Village Primary	Primary	£14,052	-£19,699	-£5,647	£415,881	49	-1%	-£115
09063	2564	Withnell Fold Primary	Primary	£54,278	-£4,401	£49,877	£484,045	86	10%	£580
09064	5207	Trinity C Of E	Primary	£567,034	£128,612	£695,646	£2,765,260	625	25%	£1,113
11001	3334	Baxenden St John's CE	Primary	£87,648	-£14,484	£73,164	£1,006,348	205	7%	£357
11002	3336	Benjamin Hargreaves CE	Primary	£71,125	-£21,430	£49,695	£856,393	161	6%	£309
11003	3337	Green Haworth CE Primary	Primary	£71,345	-£49,087	£22,258	£492,809	74	5%	£301
11005	2097	Hyndburn Park Primary	Primary	£374,301	£67,742	£442,043	£2,372,258	458	19%	£965
11006	2099	Peel Park Primary	Primary	£293,304	-£18,204	£275,100	£3,143,134	619	9%	£444
11008	3762	St Anne & St Joseph's RC	Primary	£204,322	£116,941	£321,263	£1,347,266	202	24%	£1,590
11010	3340	St John/St Augustine CE	Primary	£80,570	£68,698	£149,268	£1,176,918	199	13%	£750
11011	3342	St Mary Magdalen's CE	Primary	£133,607	-£25,790	£107,818	£1,163,551	195	9%	£553
11012	3763	St Oswald's. Accrington	Primary	£139,282	£38,444	£177,725	£957,033	159	19%	£1,118
11013	3105	St Peters CE	Primary	£38,178	-£10,403	£27,776	£925,993	153	3%	£182
11014	2101	Spring Hill Primary	Primary	£79,411	-£76,387	£3,024	£2,152,652	389	0%	£8
11015	2820	Woodnook Primary	Primary	£290,159	-£23,005	£267,154	£1,214,109	194	22%	£1,377
11018	3134	Hippings Methodist	Primary	£96,884	-£44,515	£52,369	£1,016,577	198	5%	£264
11020	3195	St Andrew's CE Primary	Primary	£89,912	-£23,278	£66,634	£1,692,225	297	4%	£224
11021	3353	Knuzden St Oswald's CE	Primary	£44,986	-£25,021	£19,965	£946,995	188	2%	£106
11023	3766	St Mary's. Oswaldtwistle	Primary	£234,369	-£35,529	£198,841	£1,263,668	266	16%	£748
11025	2107	Oswaldtwistle Moor End	Primary	£129,835	-£4,919	£124,916	£1,184,494	203	11%	£615
11026	3355	Oswaldtwistle St Paul's	Primary	£177,051	-£32,702	£144,349	£978,518	150	15%	£962
11029	2105	Mount Pleasant Primary	Primary	£272,165	-£27,097	£245,068	£1,938,444	394	13%	£622
11030	3765	St Mary's RC	Primary	£68,077	-£34,695	£33,382	£726,674	123	5%	£271
11031	3347	Church. St Nicholas CE	Primary	£159,594	-£22,506	£137,088	£1,146,969	200	12%	£685
11033	3764	Sacred Heart RC. Church	Primary	£147,421	-£74,772	£72,649	£1,209,957	201	6%	£361
11036	3599	Altham St James CE	Primary	£47,498	-£18,954	£28,545	£437,837	68	7%	£420
11038	3307	St Bartholomew's CE Great Harwood	Primary	£163,924	£41,382	£205,306	£1,105,270	207	19%	£992
11039	3308	Gt Harwood St John's CE	Primary	£72,997	-£36,535	£36,462	£852,200	140	4%	£260
11040	3746	Our Lady & St Hubert RC	Primary	£39,873	-£34,349	£5,524	£801,617	159	1%	£35
11041	3747	St Wulstan's RC	Primary	£62,224	-£41,414	£20,810	£910,422	165	2%	£126
11042	2067	Great Harwood Primary	Primary	£45,278	£21,885	£67,163	£1,071,392	194	6%	£346



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11045	3130	Rishton Methodist	Primary	£159,699	-£7,933	£151,766	£952,447	164	16%	£925
11046	3316	St Peter's & St Pauls CE	Primary	£133,823	£83,137	£216,960	£963,101	183	23%	£1,186
11047	3752	St Charles' RC. Rishton	Primary	£19,086	-£24,512	-£5,427	£918,125	173	-1%	-£31
11048	3741	St Joseph's. Hurst Green	Primary	£109,198	-£67,505	£41,693	£574,664	104	7%	£401
11050	3302	Langho St Leonard's CE	Primary	£201,559	£103,629	£305,188	£1,372,630	283	22%	£1,078
11051	3742	Langho St Mary's RC	Primary	£130,914	£28,219	£159,133	£1,263,055	287	13%	£554
11052	3809	Bolton By Bowland CE	Primary	£55,913	-£16,165	£39,748	£349,549	33	11%	£1,204
11053	3810	Thornleyholme RC Primary	Primary	£46,666	£8,489	£55,155	£259,304	26	21%	£2,121
11054	3303	Chatburn CE Primary	Primary	£56,420	£9,216	£65,635	£620,081	129	11%	£509
11055	2651	Brookside Primary	Primary	£67,563	-£8,500	£59,063	£961,666	159	6%	£371
11056	2391	Edisford Primary	Primary	-£83,816	£67,952	-£15,864	£1,163,640	232	-1%	-£68
11057	2064	Clitheroe Pendle Primary	Primary	£199,173	£12,691	£211,864	£1,595,943	347	13%	£611
11058	3304	St James' CE. Clitheroe	Primary	£210,410	£55,817	£266,227	£1,640,735	279	16%	£954
11059	3744	St Michael & John's RC	Primary	£44,357	-£33,846	£10,511	£799,872	164	1%	£64
11060	3319	Simonstone St Peter's CE	Primary	£81,343	£5,640	£86,983	£667,208	128	13%	£680
11061	2266	Gisburn Primary	Primary	£86,609	£5,381	£91,991	£697,867	143	13%	£643
11063	3807	Grindleton CE Primary	Primary	£72,852	-£4,654	£68,198	£395,897	40	17%	£1,705
11064	3111	Read St John's CE	Primary	£120,449	-£40,256	£80,194	£835,614	184	10%	£436
11065	2073	Sabden Primary	Primary	£89,669	-£26,285	£63,384	£503,885	93	13%	£682
11066	3753	St Mary's RC. Sabden	Primary	£72,774	£14,230	£87,004	£521,174	80	17%	£1,088
11067	3408	Brennands Endowed	Primary	£19,091	£4,055	£23,145	£335,153	36	7%	£643
11068	3808	West Bradford CE Primary	Primary	£4,236	-£24,013	-£19,776	£885,099	192	-2%	-£103
11069	3321	Whalley CE Primary	Primary	£58,750	-£29,367	£29,383	£1,398,171	314	2%	£94
11070	3131	Barrow	Primary	-£49,665	£15,293	-£34,372	£768,631	147	-4%	-£234
11071	3300	Balderstone St Leonard's	Primary	£61,616	-£8,627	£52,989	£638,495	116	8%	£457
11072	3312	Mellor St Mary CE	Primary	£93,765	£8,910	£102,675	£690,245	144	15%	£713
11073	3748	Osbaldeston St Mary's RC	Primary	-£135	£13,500	£13,365	£482,526	89	3%	£150
11074	5202	Salesbury CE Primary	Primary	£52,989	£16,869	£69,858	£1,460,132	283	5%	£247
12001	2076	Briercliffe Primary	Primary	£37,606	£88,470	£126,076	£1,821,030	346	7%	£364
12002	2095	Worsthorne Primary	Primary	£53,934	£35,502	£89,436	£1,000,681	212	9%	£422
12003	3324	St John's Cofe Cliviger	Primary	£79,663	£31,794	£111,457	£931,014	192	12%	£581
12005	3021	Padiham Green CE Primary	Primary	£194,280	£3,383	£197,663	£1,212,405	202	16%	£979
12006	2071	Padiham Primary	Primary	£226,629	£28,114	£254,742	£1,645,850	294	15%	£866
12007	3749	St John The Baptist RC	Primary	£44,552	-£13,913	£30,639	£1,209,329	225	3%	£136
12008	3313	Padiham St Leonard's CE	Primary	£232,993	-£27,599	£205,394	£1,786,839	333	11%	£617
12011	3181	Hapton CE/Methodist	Primary	£78,171	£40,170	£118,341	£732,274	122	16%	£970
12012	2228	Barden Primary School	Primary	£267,788	£68,220	£336,008	£2,567,465	448	13%	£750
12013	2164	Burnley Brunshaw Primary	Primary	£184,157	-£34,834	£149,323	£2,268,858	405	7%	£369
12015	3434	Christ The King RC	Primary	£151,382	-£26,014	£125,368	£1,083,462	210	12%	£597
12020	2230	Heasandford Primary	Primary	£582,076	-£24,393	£557,683	£3,147,187	620	18%	£899
12021	3431	Holy Trinity CE Primary	Primary	£259,188	-£34,601	£224,587	£1,241,451	208	18%	£1,080
12022	2237	Ightenhill Primary	Primary	£359,389	£24,232	£383,621	£2,054,007	347	19%	£1,106
12023	2162	Lowerhouse Junior	Primary	£2,948	£419	£3,367	£1,191,930	219	0%	£15
12025	2226	Rosegrove Infant	Primary	£90,742	-£4,634	£86,108	£927,775	171	9%	£504
12029	3433	St James' Lanehead CE	Primary	£114,429	-£6,661	£107,768	£1,354,965	278	8%	£388
12031	3980	St Mary's RC. Burnley	Primary	£65,575	-£9,300	£56,275	£1,209,453	204	5%	£276
12032	3435	St Mary Magdalene's RC	Primary	£33,517	£52,255	£85,773	£997,029	200	9%	£429
12033	3430	Burnley St Peter's CE	Primary	£61,248	£34,279	£95,526	£1,267,377	208	8%	£459
12034	3432	Burnley St Stephen's CE	Primary	£132,428	-£16,328	£116,100	£1,196,657	210	10%	£553
12035	2224	Stoneyholme Community	Primary	£446,909	-£73,468	£373,441	£2,463,040	418	15%	£893
12037	2235	Whittlefield Primary	Primary	£105,795	£452	£106,247	£1,506,259	224	7%	£474
12040	3440	Wellfield Church	Primary	£155,737	-£12,134	£143,603	£967,032	198	15%	£725
12041	2839	Rosewood Primary	Primary	£330,174	-£20,156	£310,018	£2,261,893	430	14%	£721
12042	2840	Cherry Fold Community	Primary	£338,949	-£62,328	£276,621	£2,476,638	384	11%	£720
12043	2841	Burnley Springfield	Primary	£256,189	£8,193	£264,382	£1,288,088	215	21%	£1,230
13001	2087	Nelson Bradley Primary	Primary	£190,123	-£28,057	£162,067	£2,097,687	413	8%	£392
13004	3757	Holy Saviour RC Primary	Primary	£148,551	£41,522	£190,073	£1,181,432	208	16%	£914
13005	3330	Nelson St Philip's CE	Primary	£95,078	£18,464	£113,542	£800,010	140	14%	£811
13006	3331	Nelson St Paul's CE	Primary	£302,235	-£47,776	£254,459	£2,094,339	416	12%	£612
13007	2090	Lomeshaye Junior	Primary	£325,237	£4,360	£329,597	£1,966,923	361	17%	£913
13009	3759	St John Southworth RC	Primary	£107,808	-£17,809	£89,999	£1,199,258	212	8%	£425

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13010	2092	Nelson Walverden Primary	Primary	£384,845	£14,159	£399,004	£2,194,127	448	18%	£891
13011	2093	Nelson Whitefield Infant	Primary	£214,527	-£50,586	£163,941	£1,781,257	325	9%	£504
13012	2089	Marsden Community	Primary	£376,403	£73,547	£449,950	£2,337,700	449	19%	£1,002
13014	3323	Barrowford St Thomas CE	Primary	£71,394	-£14,006	£57,389	£646,103	121	9%	£474
13016	2074	Barrowford	Primary	£143,263	-£37,274	£105,989	£1,986,180	337	5%	£315
13017	3754	Holy Trinity RC Primary	Primary	£102,556	-£1,027	£101,530	£603,336	114	17%	£891
13022	3979	Wheatley Lane Methodist	Primary	£93,378	£8,212	£101,590	£973,949	208	10%	£488
13023	3094	Roughlee CE Primary	Primary	£82,961	£3,869	£86,830	£385,222	52	23%	£1,670
13024	3107	Higham St John's CE	Primary	£62,162	-£14,385	£47,778	£860,240	141	6%	£339
13027	3325	Colne Christ Church CE	Primary	£149,456	-£12,841	£136,616	£943,681	185	14%	£738
13030	2082	Colne Park Primary	Primary	£386,396	£33,448	£419,844	£1,952,990	349	21%	£1,203
13031	2083	Colne Primet Primary	Primary	£99,451	-£51,674	£47,778	£1,118,732	196	4%	£244
13032	3755	Sacred Heart RC. Colne	Primary	£16,731	£12,734	£29,465	£1,092,229	220	3%	£134
13033	2085	West Street Primary	Primary	£189,530	-£3,699	£185,830	£1,267,274	207	15%	£898
13034	2094	Trawden Forest Primary	Primary	£86,402	£38,740	£125,142	£1,006,193	189	12%	£662
13035	3326	St Michael & All Angels	Primary	£136,765	-£33,712	£103,053	£995,836	200	10%	£515
13036	2646	Brierfield Reedley	Primary	£269,503	-£69,176	£200,327	£2,030,510	409	10%	£490
13040	3011	Barnoldswick CE Primary	Primary	£312,060	-£44,648	£267,411	£1,900,105	389	14%	£687
13041	2812	Coates Lane Primary	Primary	£42,627	£50,511	£93,138	£1,049,804	200	9%	£466
13042	2238	Gisburn Road Community	Primary	-£53,593	£20,626	-£32,967	£1,123,761	212	-3%	-£156
13044	3805	St Joseph's Barnoldswick	Primary	£88,211	-£26,046	£62,164	£682,418	126	9%	£493
13046	2214	Kelbrook Primary	Primary	£5,129	£16,637	£21,766	£533,771	98	4%	£222
13048	2240	Salterforth Primary	Primary	£25,318	£6,169	£31,487	£551,698	97	6%	£325
13049	2215	Earby Springfield	Primary	£138,664	-£2,547	£136,117	£1,081,734	153	13%	£890
14001	2109	Britannia Community	Primary	£133,632	£16,249	£149,881	£1,124,416	214	13%	£700
14002	2114	Bacup Thorn Primary	Primary	£272,645	£8,970	£281,615	£1,521,724	294	19%	£958
14003	2111	Northern Primary	Primary	£131,096	-£20,430	£110,667	£973,135	193	11%	£573
14005	2113	Sharneyford Primary	Primary	£67,730	-£7,301	£60,429	£462,524	66	13%	£916
14006	3768	St Joseph's. Stacksteads	Primary	£81,499	£144	£81,644	£964,265	124	8%	£658
14008	2112	Bacup St Saviour's	Primary	£164,807	-£12,295	£152,511	£642,794	103	24%	£1,481
14011	3196	Holy Trinity Stacksteads	Primary	£243,735	£56,315	£300,050	£1,494,775	265	20%	£1,132
14015	3022	Constable Lee CE Primary	Primary	£66,862	-£712	£66,150	£1,500,826	280	4%	£236
14016	3776	St James-The-Less RC	Primary	£157,518	£7,439	£164,957	£958,398	207	17%	£797
14018	3023	St Mary's Rawtenstall CE	Primary	£142,476	£6,907	£149,383	£1,098,049	194	14%	£770
14019	2595	Crawshawbooth Primary	Primary	£241,194	-£28,888	£212,306	£1,416,683	300	15%	£708
14022	2129	Waterfoot Primary	Primary	£150,133	-£20,415	£129,718	£1,657,540	317	8%	£409
14023	3775	St Peter's RC. Newchurch	Primary	£126,339	-£10,450	£115,889	£837,735	152	14%	£762
14024	3113	St Nicholas CE Primary	Primary	£114,676	£11,620	£126,296	£754,113	111	17%	£1,138
14025	3366	St Anne's Edgeside CE	Primary	£95,187	-£25,650	£69,538	£955,168	179	7%	£388
14026	2409	Balladen Community	Primary	£151,680	£19,493	£171,173	£1,088,077	186	16%	£920
14027	2128	Water Primary	Primary	£12,454	£747	£13,201	£793,771	133	2%	£99
14028	3357	Haslingden St James CE	Primary	£106,936	£44,129	£151,065	£1,082,723	192	14%	£787
14029	2117	Haslingden Primary	Primary	£195,630	-£55,317	£140,313	£2,106,182	400	7%	£351
14030	2687	Broadway Primary	Primary	£61,359	£1,933	£63,292	£999,514	209	6%	£303
14031	2118	Helmshore Primary	Primary	£282,741	£46,216	£328,957	£1,921,216	416	17%	£791
14032	3771	St Mary's RC. Haslingden	Primary	£69,768	£12,387	£82,155	£810,475	141	10%	£583
14033	3359	Stonefold St John's CE	Primary	£9,013	£10,323	£19,336	£696,427	117	3%	£165
14034	3615	St Veronica's RC Primary	Primary	£78,917	£26,151	£105,068	£822,151	166	13%	£633
14038	3099	Edenfield CE Primary	Primary	£116,851	£29,409	£146,259	£934,375	195	16%	£750
14039	2121	Stubbins Primary	Primary	£59,596	-£30,604	£28,993	£995,213	202	3%	£144
14040	3058	St Bartholomew's CE Whitworth	Primary	£89,668	-£23,626	£66,042	£917,380	152	7%	£434
14042	2272	Tonacliffe Primary	Primary	£196,630	£63,935	£260,565	£1,607,964	331	16%	£787
14044	3889	Our Lady & St Anselms RC	Primary	£111,498	-£49,355	£62,143	£1,003,381	201	6%	£309
01112	4717	Our Lady's Catholic High Lancaster	Secondary	£550,967	£37,461	£588,428	£6,517,605	1,009	9%	£583
02101	4011	Millfield High	Secondary	£476,983	£322,423	£799,406	£5,472,780	876	15%	£913
02103	5404	Baines School	Secondary	£789,633	£278,392	£1,068,024	£5,415,878	852	20%	£1,254
02104	4628	Saint Aidan's CE	Secondary	£497,118	£130,936	£628,053	£5,219,646	855	12%	£735
02105	4408	Fleetwood High	Secondary	£539,782	£136,547	£676,329	£7,143,567	988	9%	£685
02106	4718	Cardinal Allen Catholic	Secondary	£952,805	£273,673	£1,226,477	£5,436,308	804	23%	£1,525
04114	4137	Lytham St Annes High	Secondary	£965,345	£46,867	£1,012,212	£9,125,098	1,528	11%	£662
04115	4155	Kirkham Carr Hill High	Secondary	£373,114	£80,252	£453,366	£6,086,726	901	7%	£503

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04116	4627	St Bede's Catholic High Lytham	Secondary	£80,970	£49,759	£130,729	£4,794,917	823	3%	£159
06103	4232	Broughton High	Secondary	£963,980	-£174,648	£789,332	£5,736,627	919	14%	£859
06104	4000	Ashton Science College	Secondary	£709,066	£417,697	£1,126,763	£6,022,379	838	19%	£1,345
06105	4410	Moor Park High	Secondary	£677,673	-£179,274	£498,399	£4,696,342	618	11%	£806
06112	5405	Archbishop Temple CE	Secondary	£409,710	-£899	£408,811	£4,884,212	791	8%	£517
06115	4168	Longridge High	Secondary	£671,092	-£181,108	£489,984	£4,921,575	804	10%	£609
06116	4721	St Cecilia's RC High	Secondary	-£446,790	£465,603	£18,813	£3,103,513	506	1%	£37
06117	4610	Christ The King Catholic	Secondary	£323,278	£72,744	£396,022	£3,003,474	382	13%	£1,037
06118	4606	Our Lady's Catholic High Preston	Secondary	£496,986	£183,267	£680,253	£5,594,554	902	12%	£754
06121	4609	Corpus Christi College	Secondary	£18,641	£235,277	£253,918	£5,018,901	752	5%	£338
06122	4001	Preston Muslim Girls'	Secondary	£858,104	£154,872	£1,012,976	£3,537,534	562	29%	£1,802
07101	4500	Balshaws CE High	Secondary	£782,578	£234,148	£1,016,725	£5,416,745	927	19%	£1,097
07102	5407	St Marys RC Tech College	Secondary	£216,190	£268,955	£485,145	£4,711,795	778	10%	£624
07104	4036	Wellfield B&E College	Secondary	-£697,239	£23,680	-£673,559	£2,294,828	332	-29%	-£2,029
07105	4623	Brownedge St Mary's High	Secondary	£658,040	£244,839	£902,879	£4,730,653	764	19%	£1,182
07106	4741	All Hallows High	Secondary	£491,019	£6,378	£497,397	£5,404,876	896	9%	£555
07107	4150	Walton-Le-Dale High	Secondary	£590,637	£221,057	£811,694	£5,126,882	778	16%	£1,043
07109	4685	Hutton CE Grammar	Secondary	£168,212	£90,406	£258,618	£5,051,704	878	5%	£295
07111	4332	Penwortham Girls' High	Secondary	£353,468	£30,611	£384,079	£4,732,004	786	8%	£489
08103	4631	St Bede's Catholic High Ormskirk	Secondary	£462,289	£15,085	£477,374	£4,448,726	715	11%	£668
08105	4173	Up Holland High	Secondary	£367,488	£32,516	£400,004	£5,303,384	842	8%	£475
08113	4411	Lathom High	Secondary	£269,237	£8,691	£277,928	£4,238,817	603	7%	£461
08114	4621	Our Lady Queen Of Peace	Secondary	£423,202	£23,864	£447,066	£5,892,318	900	8%	£497
08115	4412	Ormskirk School	Secondary	£764,426	-£347,432	£416,993	£8,744,600	1,325	5%	£315
09103	4742	Holy Cross Catholic High	Secondary	£871,048	-£10,265	£860,783	£5,624,928	979	15%	£879
11103	4797	Mount Carmel RC High	Secondary	£532,075	-£115,925	£416,150	£5,488,707	789	8%	£527
11105	4026	Rhyddings High	Secondary	£675,009	£33,593	£708,602	£3,943,333	564	18%	£1,256
11109	4725	St Augustine's RC High	Secondary	£270,212	£193,603	£463,816	£6,518,620	1,098	7%	£422
11113	4013	Ribblesdale High	Secondary	£1,151,568	£112,544	£1,264,112	£8,248,731	1,374	15%	£920
12110	4801	Shuttleworth College	Secondary	-£54,677	£919,711	£865,034	£8,347,063	1,107	10%	£781
12112	4806	Unity College	Secondary	£1,018,201	£474,055	£1,492,256	£9,143,318	1,304	16%	£1,144
12113	4803	Sir John Thursby College	Secondary	£1,085,127	£300,333	£1,385,460	£9,034,861	1,125	15%	£1,232
13108	4624	SS J Fisher/T More RC	Secondary	£293,179	-£58,903	£234,276	£4,950,692	782	5%	£300
13111	4799	Pendle Vale	Secondary	£1,212,197	£488,120	£1,700,317	£8,156,736	1,071	21%	£1,588
14101	4030	Alder Grange Tech School	Secondary	£307,066	£15,722	£322,788	£5,272,720	846	6%	£382
14107	4184	Whitworth Community High	Secondary	£446,896	£26,597	£473,493	£4,137,583	647	11%	£732
14109	4402	Haslingden High	Secondary	£495,145	£319,340	£814,485	£9,812,375	1,586	8%	£514
01141	1100	Stepping Stones	Short Stay	£56,364	£43,040	£99,404	£879,721	30	11%	£3,313
01149	1121	Chadwick Centre	Short Stay	£187,398	-£120,067	£67,331	£1,341,690	72	5%	£935
02143	1117	McKee Centre	Short Stay	£252,227	£143,073	£395,301	£2,126,369	92	19%	£4,297
06141	1109	Larches House	Short Stay	£300,397	-£52,584	£247,813	£2,042,109	78	12%	£3,177
07141	1103	Golden Hill	Short Stay	£118,505	-£10,274	£108,231	£1,049,497	26	10%	£4,163
08147	1118	The Acorns	Short Stay	£206,314	£33,138	£239,452	£1,348,710	51	18%	£4,695
09145	1116	Shaftesbury House	Short Stay	£225,444	-£138,887	£86,557	£2,181,176	101	4%	£857
11142	1113	Oswaldtwistle School	Short Stay	£358,204	£125,048	£483,252	£1,609,853	69	30%	£7,004
00131	7028	Wennington Hall	Special	-£1,775,325	-£733,737	-£2,509,062	£1,499,223	16	-167%	-£156,816
00133	7007	Bleasdale House	Special	£253,305	£379,729	£633,034	£2,268,929	35	28%	£18,087
00134	7110	Royal Cross Primary	Special	£131,374	£61,722	£193,096	£834,000	25	23%	£7,724
00139	7109	Longridge Hillside	Special	-£16,416	£44,265	£27,849	£2,977,800	100	1%	£278
01130	7034	Morecambe Road	Special	£385,331	£5,982	£391,313	£3,131,515	167	12%	£2,343
01131	7097	The Loyne School	Special	£384,206	£101,853	£486,059	£3,072,372	115	16%	£4,227
02130	7040	Great Arley	Special	£128,464	-£3,686	£124,778	£2,176,525	119	6%	£1,049
02131	7100	Brookfield	Special	-£747,547	£153,886	-£593,661	£2,422,872	69	-25%	-£8,604
02132	7102	Red Marsh	Special	£298,105	£90,135	£388,240	£2,035,699	93	19%	£4,175
04133	7076	Kirkham Pear Tree	Special	£289,540	£12,482	£302,021	£2,858,239	102	11%	£2,961
06131	7014	Moorbrook	Special	£29,809	£80,273	£110,082	£1,423,725	50	8%	£2,202
06134	7119	Acorns	Special	£199,499	£130,714	£330,212	£1,911,092	86	17%	£3,840
06135	7118	Sir Tom Finney	Special	£433,261	£180,770	£614,030	£3,703,082	183	17%	£3,355
07130	7049	Lostock Hall Moor Hey	Special	£586,216	-£17,416	£568,800	£2,541,939	133	22%	£4,277
07131	7098	The Coppice School	Special	£211,007	£11,240	£222,247	£1,811,268	65	12%	£3,419
08135	7104	Hope High School	Special	£418,064	£104,045	£522,109	£2,209,842	90	24%	£5,801

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08136	7117	Kingsbury Primary	Special	£280,004	£160,326	£440,330	£2,258,418	82	19%	£5,370
08137	7116	West Lancs Comm High	Special	£252,149	£62,134	£314,283	£2,746,731	122	11%	£2,576
08138	7120	Elm Tree	Special	£335,090	£172,556	£507,646	£4,237,883	129	12%	£3,935
09130	7037	Chorley Astley Park	Special	£792,861	-£227,541	£565,320	£3,447,356	167	16%	£3,385
09131	7089	Mayfield School	Special	£364,097	£282,246	£646,343	£2,843,957	126	23%	£5,130
11130	7099	Oswaldtwistle White Ash	Special	£501,584	£59,618	£561,202	£2,513,848	113	22%	£4,966
11131	7060	Broadfield Special Sen	Special	-£86,097	£183,193	£97,096	£3,402,568	170	3%	£571
12134	7111	The Rose School	Special	-£260,806	£137,890	-£122,916	£2,211,162	67	-6%	-£1,835
12135	7114	Holly Grove	Special	£289,445	£2,786	£292,231	£2,636,583	118	11%	£2,477
12136	7113	Ridgewood	Special	£374,645	£171,357	£546,002	£3,880,056	164	14%	£3,329
13133	7112	Pendle View	Special	£535,958	£268,897	£804,856	£3,035,191	125	27%	£6,439
13134	7115	Pendle Community High	Special	£755,080	£36,699	£791,779	£3,382,433	159	23%	£4,980
14132	7044	Cribden House Community	Special	£326,319	-£41,079	£285,241	£2,009,295	90	14%	£3,169
01008	3705	St Josephs. Lancaster	Primary	£78,900	-£67,935	£10,965	£516,661	Academised during 2021/22		
06030	3636	Preston St Matthews CE	Primary	£243,733	-£65,530	£178,203	£1,937,744	Academised during 2021/22		
11004	2096	Accr'Ton Huncoat Primary	Primary	£211,580	-£33,950	£177,630	£1,042,080	Academised during 2021/22		
11102	4195	The Hollins High	Secondary	£542,414	-£8,657	£533,757	£5,192,128	Academised during 2021/22		
11024	2108	Oswaldtwistle West End	Primary	£25,010	-£18,984	£6,026	£910,361	Academised during 2021/22		
14045	3811	St John With St Michael	Primary	-£200	£45,002	£44,802	£582,488	Academised during 2021/22		



## Lancashire Schools Forum

# Annual Report 2021/22 April 2021 - March 2022

## Introduction

The 2021/22 financial year again brought considerable challenges for schools and their staff, governors, and children, as we all faced the considerable uncertainty of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the year ended with the added difficulties surrounding increased inflationary pressures on budgets.

For the Schools Forum, the business of the full Forum and its working groups had again to be conducted virtually and this annual report sets out some of the key issues dealt with by the Forum in FY 2021/22.

## Chair of the Forum

Shaun Jukes, Headteacher at Sir Tom Finney High School, remained the Forum Chair for 2021/22, with Stephen Booth, a governor at Ellel St John the Evangelist CE Primary School, the Vice-Chair.

## School Budgets 2022/23

Advising on the Schools Budget is a crucial responsibility of the Forum. The key headlines from the 2022/23 budget setting process included:

Lancashire's Gross 2022/23 Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) allocation is £1,115.737m. The 2022/23 figure is over £42m higher than the previous year. This growth in funding is due to increased education funding nationally and an overall rise in pupil numbers compared to 2021/22.

### Schools Block

Lancashire continues to use the National Funding Formula (NFF) methodology to calculate Schools Block budgets in 2022/23.

Allocations for Lancashire schools and academies from April 2022 included our share of the additional Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) funding announced by the Government, which equated to £2.3b nationally in 2022/23. The main changes to NFF formula factors arising from this additional funding are set out below:

National Funding Formula factor values for 2022/23 have increased, as follows:

- 3% to basic entitlement, Free School Meals Ever 6, income deprivation affecting children index, lower prior attainment, English as an additional language and the lump sum;
- 2% to the funding floor, the minimum per pupil levels and free school meals,

- 0% on the premises factors, except for Private Finance Initiative which has increased by the Retail Price Index.

The announcements also included the relevant minimum pupil funding levels for primary and secondary schools, which incorporate the 2% uplift for 2022/23:

- For primary schools, the minimum pupil funding level will be £4,265 per pupil in 2022/23.
- For secondary schools, the minimum pupil funding level will be £5,525 per pupil from 2022/23.

Following a government consultation on the Sparsity factor held in 2021, the DfE amended the factor from April 2022, including increased maximum sparsity values, updated sparsity distance calculations so that they are now based on road distances, instead of straight-line distances, and the introduction of a sparsity distance taper, in addition to the existing year group size taper.

Following a consultation with schools and academies in Lancashire, areas where local discretion is available in 2022/23 were agreed by the Schools Forum and the LCC Cabinet as follows:

- The Minimum Funding Guarantee (MFG) was set at a +2.0%
- The transfer of £1.7m (0.19%) to enable the required school contribution towards the Private Finance Initiative (PFI) contract to be met from the relevant funding block in 2022/23.

### High Needs Block (HNB)

The extra funding made available for high needs funding from April 2022 allowed the following increases in expenditure to be agreed:

- To cover the forecast cost and demand led pressures in High Needs expenditure from April 2022;
- To support increases in HNB expenditure to broadly match or exceed uplifts in the mainstream sector, including:
  - increasing the Weighted Pupil Numbers (WPN) rate across all school and FE settings by 4% to £4,567;
  - increasing 'School Specific' allocations in special schools and PRUs by 2%; to match the Minimum Funding Guarantee (MFG) applicable in mainstream.

### Early Years Block (EYB)

Government announcements for 2022/23 indicated that an extra £170m was made available in 2022/23 for the Early Years Block nationally. Lancashire's share of this funding, together with a circa £1m contribution from Schools Forum reserves, enabled increases to be made across all early years funding areas, as explained below.

#### *3 and 4-year-old entitlements*

In 2020/21 and 2021/22 the Schools Forum agreed to transfer £2m each year from the Schools Block to the Early Years Block, to help with the pressures being faced by the sector. This meant that an additional £0.08 per hour had been added to the 3 and 4 year old base rate for these years. Unfortunately, Schools Block budget pressures in 2022/23 meant that this transfer was not possible from April 2022 and the £0.08 per hour needed to be removed

from the base rate for 2022/23. The Schools Forum was aware that the early years sector was already facing considerable cost pressures, so agreed that circa £1m of Schools Budget reserves be used in 2022/23 to help reduce the turbulence in the system caused by this reduction. The circa £1m contribution allowed £0.04 per hour to be added back to the base rate and will be available for 2022/23 only.

The 2022/23 funding rate was therefore calculated as follows:

2021/22 base rate, which included £0.08 contribution from Lancashire Schools Block	£4.35 per hour
2022/23 adjusted base rate without £0.08 contribution	£4.27 per hour
2022/23 base rate with DfE £0.17 uplift	£4.44 per hour
2022/23 base rate with £0.04 one off contribution from Schools Forum reserves	£4.48 per hour

The Lancashire base rate for 3 and 4-year-old entitlements was £4.48 per hour in 2022/23, an increase of 13p per hour from 2021/22.

#### *Supplementary funding hourly rate for maintained nursery schools*

Lancashire received a £0.17 increase in the supplementary funding hourly rate for maintained nursery schools in 2022/23, which was passed to the maintained nursery schools providing £3.67 per hour from April 2022 for eligible universal 3 and 4-year-old hours.

#### *2-year-old entitlement*

Lancashire received an additional £0.21 per hour for the 2-year-old entitlement for 2022/23, which was passed to providers in full, providing a funding rate for 2 year olds of £5.37 per hour from April 2022.

#### *Early Years Pupil Premium*

Lancashire increased our early years pupil premium rate by 7p to 60p per hour, equivalent to up to £342 per eligible child per year, for 2022/23, in line with national announcements.

#### *Disability Access Fund*

Lancashire increased the disability access fund by £185 to £800 per eligible child per year for 2022/23, in line with national announcements.

### **Central School Services Block (CSSB)**

This Block is to fund central functions that local authorities carry out on behalf of pupils in state-funded maintained schools and academies in England. The Central School Services Block (CSSB) is split into funding for historic commitments and funding for ongoing responsibilities.

In order to protect some combined budget contributions that help support valued services to schools, the Schools Forum agreed to transfer £0.350m historic commitments into the High Needs Block, so funding can continue to be provided for MASH and Emotional Health and Wellbeing Service, as the DfE have cut the 'historic commitments' element of the CSSB.

### **Issuing Individual Schools Budgets (ISBs)**

Once Lancashire's proposals had been approved by the DfE, individual school budgets for 2022/23 were issued to schools on 21 February 2022.

## Supplementary Funding 2022/23

In response to the increasing cost pressures facing schools, including the Health and Social Care Levy, which was applied initially through increased national insurance contributions from employers from April 2022, the Chancellor made a further £1.6bn of funding available for schools and high needs, for the 2022/23 financial year, above the previous Dedicated Schools Grant settlement.

For mainstream schools, the DfE allocated this funding through a schools supplementary grant 2022/23, where the funding rates were determined nationally.

*For High Needs*, Lancashire was allocated supplementary grant funding and the local distribution methodology was agreed by the Forum. For 2022/23 the grant allocation was split into 2 parts:

- *Health and Social Care Levy (Increased NI contribution in 2022/23 for social care)*  
For special schools and AP only  
Calculated on 80% of total budget per school x 1.25% based on 2022/23 School Budget data, with an adjustment for exceptional place changes in year at special schools and increased exclusions at AP later in the year
- *Wider costs pressures*  
Paid across all sectors and calculated on basis of WPNs in 2022/23 School Budget data, estimated at circa £600 per WPN

It is anticipated that supplementary grant allocations will be incorporated into the Dedicated Schools Grant from 2023/24.

## Service De-delegations 2022/23

Regulations require that the Forum is responsible for deciding which services should be de-delegated each year. In October 2021, the Forum considered a number of de-delegation proposals. Primary and secondary members agreed by phase that a number of services would be de-delegated for the 2022/23 financial year. This means that for primary and secondary schools (but not academies) services will be provided centrally. A full list of de-delegations agreed from April 2022 are:

- **Staff costs – Public Duties/Suspensions.** This de-delegation incorporates reimbursement to schools for staff costs associated with public duties and suspensions;
- **Heritage Learning Service - Primary Schools Only.** Provides funding for the work the Heritage Learning Service undertakes for primary schools to help meet the national curriculum and to support wider cultural learning;
- **Support for Schools in Financial Difficulty.** This funding allows support to be offered to schools in financial difficulty, which is managed by the School Improvement Challenge Board (SICB) against published eligibility criteria.
- **Primary Inclusion Hubs.** This de-delegation continues to support Inclusion activities of primary schools in each district to reduce exclusions and improve attendance for pupils at risk of exclusion, including providing high quality training for staff in schools and sharing share good practice and expertise.



## Consultation Responses

As always, the Forum is very grateful for the consultation responses and comments from colleagues in schools and academies that help to shape and steer the Forum's decisions and recommendations. 144 responses were received from schools in response to consultations about the school funding arrangements for 2022/23.

### Support for Schools in Financial Difficulty (SIFD)

21 schools ended the 2021/22 financial year in deficit, compared to 30 schools a year earlier. A number of schools returned to surplus during the year through the delivery of budget recovery plans. The additional funding in the schools system did assist this improved position and the final outturn position against schools delegated budgets at 31 March 2022 was an underspend of £5.173m. This means that school balances increased by £5.173 in 2021/22 to a total of £95.325m.

The Forum continues to work with the LA to support schools that are in, or may be heading towards, financial difficulty. This includes monitoring the financial outlook of schools on the Schools in Financial Difficulty category warning system for maintained schools, issuing early warning letters to offer a 'heads-up' that financial pressures may be mounting and using the agreed SIFD procedures to provide additional support to some schools. During the year, the Forum agreed an amendment to the SIFD support criteria to allow interest charges and provision of school finance support will be met centrally from SIFD funding for schools with an agreed recovery plan, or an agreed sustainability plan.

During 2021/22, the Forum also agreed a one-off SIFD allocation to a Lancashire school, to assist with the financial recovery plan.

### Clawback of Excess balances

The Lancashire clawback of excessive revenue balances policy was suspended at March 2021 due to COVID-19 uncertainties. In recognition of the continued funding uncertainties caused by the pandemic, the Forum again agreed to suspend the application of clawback at 31 March 2022.

Whilst clawback will not be applied in 2021/22, it is the Forum's intention is to resume the School Balances and Clawback arrangements for March 2023, subject to consideration of the 2021/22 outturn position.

Full details of all Schools Forum business are available from the [Schools Forum website](#).

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## Implementing the Direct National Funding Formula Government consultation

**Launch date**        **7 June 2022**  
**Respond by**        **9 September 2022**

### Draft Lancashire Schools Forum Response

#### Question 1

Do you agree that local authorities' applications for transfers from mainstream schools to local education budgets should identify their preferred form of adjustment to NFF allocations, from a standard short menu of options?

Yes, this seems like a sensible approach to managing transfer requests after the introduction of the direct NFF , providing a simple and consistent framework.

Do you have any other comments on the proposals for the operation of transfers of funding from mainstream schools to high needs?

Our biggest concern with this is that the mechanism is only referring to transfers of funding from mainstream schools to high needs. In Lancashire, our most recent transfers have been from school block to early years block, as the early years sector has been facing the most significant financial challenges. Whilst we recognise that the most significant DSG deficits nationally are related to high needs pressures, we would urge DfE to retain the options available in the current framework that facilitates transfers to early years block, in addition to high needs block.

#### Question 2

Do you agree that the direct NFF should include an indicative SEND budget, set nationally rather than locally?

Yes, we would welcome national standards for notional SEND budgets to aid consistency across the country. Our main concern about such a system is about how this may put additional pressure on the local HNB budget if changes provide a more generous system than we currently operate, and we would urge DfE to ensure that any national system that is introduced is accompanied by relevant transitional protections.

#### Question 3

Do you have any comments on the proposals to place further requirements on how local authorities can operate their growth and falling rolls funding?

In general, some basic requirements to assist in national standardisation and transparency are welcomed, especially given the proposals seems to allow for a degree of continued local flexibility. From the initial proposals, our local growth fund arrangements would appear compatible with the examples provided. Again, our biggest concern is around the affordability of some existing commitments with schools, that could have up to 7 years to run, if the calculation methodology reduces the amount of funding available to us. Any final proposals that are implemented must allow adequate transitional protections to allow LAs to honour existing commitments funded under growth and falling rolls funding. Allowing unspent funding to continue to revert to local DSG balances may be one way provide some protection going forward.

#### **Question 4**

Do you believe that the restriction that falling rolls funding can only be provided to schools judged “Good” or “Outstanding” by Ofsted should be removed?

Whilst we understand the rationale of the current restriction that falling rolls funding can only be provided to schools judged “Good” or “Outstanding” by Ofsted, we would support the removal of such a restriction. It is clearly beneficial that all schools are providing good and outstanding education to pupils, but if places are needed, the use of the falling rolls fund to support the availability of places that will be needed in the near future, regardless of their Ofsted judgement, seems reasonable. Falling rolls funding at schools not judged good or outstanding could assist schools alongside other strategies to support their educational improvement.

#### **Question 5**

Do you have any comments on how we propose to allocate growth and falling rolls funding to local authorities?

Re-baselining the total amount of growth funding and allocating funding to LAs on the basis of both growth and falling rolls by calculating allocation on the basis of MSOAs which have either seen growth or significant declines in pupil numbers seems sensible and we would support this, subject to our early comments about ensuring that LAs can honour existing commitments. We would also urge DfE to keep the level of funding under review to ensure that adequate resources are being delivered through this mechanism to enable LAs to properly support expansion costs at schools and academies that are meeting basic need demand now or in the future.

#### **Question 6**

Do you agree that we should explicitly expand the use of growth and falling rolls funding to supporting local authorities in repurposing and removing space?

We would favour the extension of the growth and falling rolls funding so that it could be used to support LAs for the revenue costs associated with repurposing or reducing school places, especially as the number of pupils begins to decline in future years. Again, our primary concern is that adequate funding is provided to the LA to ensure that existing commitments can be honoured, and new requirements can be met.

#### **Question 7**

Do you agree that the Government should favour a local, flexible approach over the national, standardised system for allocating growth and falling rolls funding; and that we should implement the changes for 2024-25?

Yes, we agree that the best option to allocating growth funding is the one with a local, flexible approach, especially given LAs sufficiency duty. Implementing changes from 2024/25 does not seem unreasonable, so long as existing commitments can be honoured, and sufficient funding levels are available to ensure LAs can meet their statutory duties.

#### **Question 8**

Do you have any comments on the proposed approach to popular growth?

We would welcome the implementation of a change that would enable maintained schools to apply for 'popular growth'. A system that provides equitable arrangements across maintained schools and academies seems to be in keeping with the principles of a direct NFF.

**Question 9**

Do you agree we should allocate split site funding on the basis of both a schools' 'basic eligibility' and 'distance eligibility'?

Yes, this seems like a sensible approach and is similar to the arrangements adopted in Lancashire.

**Question 10**

Do you agree with our proposed criteria for split site 'basic eligibility'?

Yes, where school sites are separated by road/railway there are additional operational costs, and we would support this as a methodology to determine basic split site eligibility. We also support the qualifying and exclusions criteria set out in the consultation.

**Question 11**

Do you agree with our proposed split site distance criterion of 500m?

No, we do support a distance component to split site arrangements and although arguments can be made for a range of distances, we have opted for a 300m threshold in Lancashire, as this was judged to be a distance above which more significant additional costs were incurred. We would commend the 300m distance to you. We also acknowledge the cliff edge nature of any distance threshold without a taper, but when considering split site arrangements locally we came down on the side of simplicity and would support this in the national arrangements, whatever distance is ultimately implemented.

**Question 12**

Do you agree with total available split sites funding being 60% of the NFF lump sum factor?

Yes, in Lancashire our current arrangements use a % of the lump sum to calculate split site allocations and we welcome this approach nationally. Our local percentage is not as high as the proposed NFF methodology, but we are sure schools with split sites would welcome the increased allocation to help them meet the additional costs of operating on more than one site.

**Question 13**

Do you agree that distance eligibility should be funded at twice the rate of basic eligibility?

Yes, we currently use differencing levels of split site allocation dependent on the level of eligibility and the DfE proposals seem sensible.

**. Question 14**

Do you agree with our proposed approach to data collection on split sites?

Yes, there does not seem to be any existing mechanism that would allow DfE to calculate this factor nationally from existing data, so we would support the proposed approach.

**Question 15**

Do you have any comments on our proposed approach to split sites funding?

As with many areas in this consultation, a key factor will be the transition to the new national

arrangements from the previous local formula, and we welcome the use of the MFG to protect schools losing funding on the introduction of the NFF methodology.

#### **Question 16**

Do you agree with our proposed approach to the exceptional circumstances factor?

No.

#### **Question 17**

Do you have any comments on the proposed approach to exceptional circumstances?

Whilst we are largely supportive of the approach set out, we are concerned about the movement in threshold from 1% of budget to 2.5%. We are concerned that the introduction of such a change in threshold could disadvantage schools reliant on the exceptional circumstances factor. Though amounts are likely to be low, this may impact on schools at a time when the other costs pressure are rising significantly. We would welcome an approach that retained the 1% of budget threshold.

#### **Question 18**

Do you agree that we should use local formulae baselines (actual GAG allocations, for academies) for the minimum funding guarantee (MFG) in the year that we transition to the direct NFF?

Yes, as specified in the consultation, it is most important that schools receive protection against their actual previous years allocation rather than any notional allocation.

#### **Question 19**

Do you agree that we should move to using a simplified pupil-led funding protection for the MFG under the direct NFF?

Yes, in principle we agree that a simplified pupil-led funding protection for the MFG is the correct approach, aiding simplicity and transparency. We note that the transition before full implementation of the direct NFF will allow protection around split site and exceptional circumstances changes and would seek clarification that the existing MFG protection would be classed as pupil led-funding once the direct NFF MFG methodology is implemented. We would also ask DfE to consider the implications of the sparsity calculation on the MFG, as it appears that this funding is more likely to fluctuate overtime as the characteristics of pupils attending a school change, but it does not appear that schools would be offered any protection against this under the proposed arrangements as the factor is classed as school-led.

#### **Question 20**

Do you have any comments on our proposals for the operation of the minimum funding guarantee under the direct NFF?

We support the proposals set out in the consultation document to make adjustments to the baselines such that schools that change their year-group structures will not be unfairly "overprotected" compared to other schools under the direct NFF.

#### **Question 21**

What do you think would be most useful for schools to plan their budgets before they

receive confirmation of their final allocations: (i) notional allocations, or (ii) a calculator tool?  
We would favour the option to make a calculator tool available. This will allow schools to use their own data to generate a forecast budget, which is much more likely to be understood by schools as they are interacting with the process. Our concern about notional allocations is that they can be taken as a definitive budget for planning purposes, leading to schools incorrectly making decisions on a level of funding that may have a material change.

### **Question 22**

Do you have any comments on our proposals for the funding cycle in the direct NFF, including how we could provide early information to schools to help their budget?

The proposed funding cycle seems reasonable and fits with the amended arrangements following the implementation of the direct NFF.

### **Question 23**

Do you have any comments on the two options presented for data collections in regards to school reorganisations and pupil numbers? When would this information be available to local authorities to submit to DfE?

Of the options presented in the consultation we would prefer the use of a pre-populated to be issued in December. We acknowledge there would be a short turn around for the school reorganisations and changes in pupil numbers information, but believe that this should be achievable, and will be easier to facilitate with October data pre-populated.

### **Question 24**

Regarding de-delegation, would you prefer the Department to undertake one single data collection in March covering all local authorities, or several smaller bespoke data collections for mid-year converters?

Of the options available, Lancashire would support Option 1 for a single collection of de-delegation information.

### **Question 25**

Do you have any other comments on our proposals regarding the timing and nature of data collections to be carried out under a direct NFF?

The maximisation of return dates within the constraints available would be greatly appreciated.