

2020/21 Dedicated Schools Grant Funding - Addendum

Schools Forum - December 2019

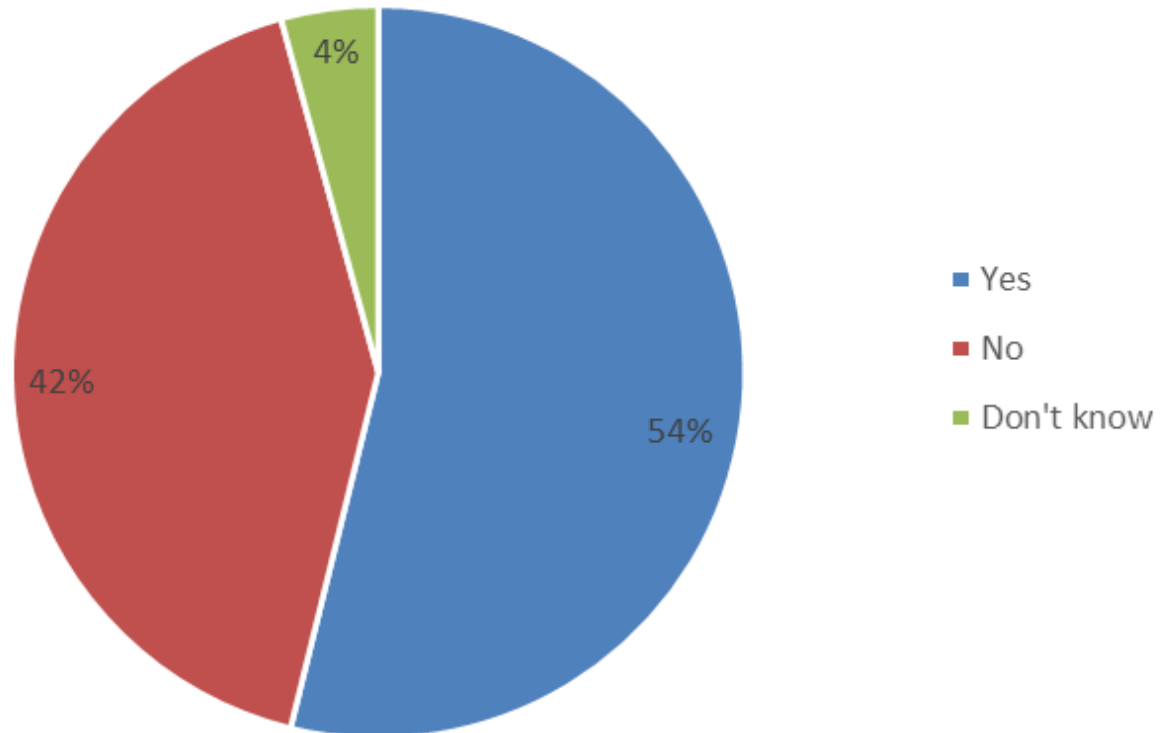
Consultation Responses



- A total of 117 submissions were received in response to the funding consultation which closed on Friday 13th December.
- **Appendix D** provides a summary of the responses and also includes the full detail of the narrative text.
- The main questions in respect of the proposed block transfer are also covered on the following slides.

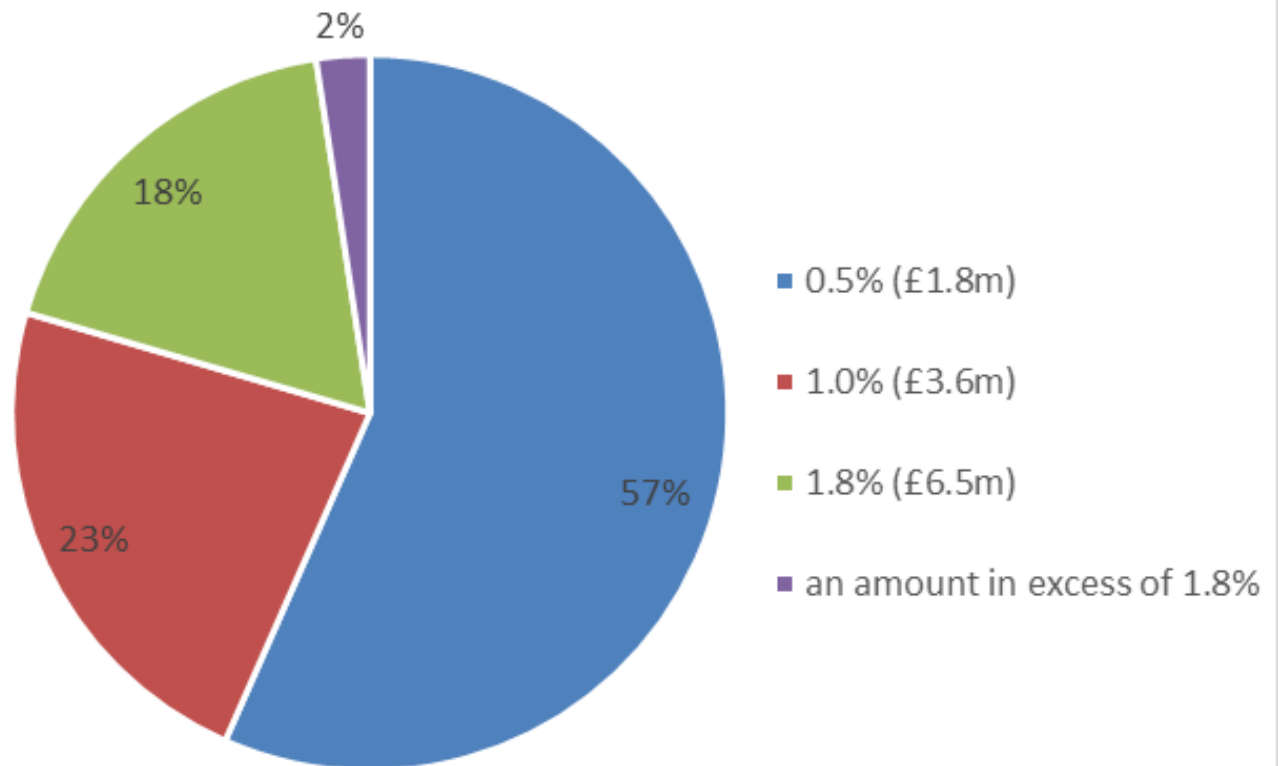
Consultation Responses

Question 3: Do you agree that the Authority should propose to the Schools Forum a transfer from the Schools Block to the High Needs Block to support the High Needs budget in 2020-21?



Consultation Responses

Question 5: If you do agree a transfer from the Schools Block should be proposed, at what level do you think the transfer should be at? (note the higher the percentage the less funding there is available for distribution through the schools funding formul



Consultation Responses

- In response to **Question 8** – should a block transfer be approved the option for seeking approval from the Secretary of State to reduce the minimum per-pupil levels (MPPL) to mitigate the impact on the most deprived schools in the county.
- Additional modelling has been undertaken (**Appendix E**) to show the illustrative impact a reduction in MPPLs would potentially have from previous scenarios.
- Intention to undertake a further short consultation with schools specifically on the option to reduce MPPLs.

Required Action

- *Schools Forum are asked to:*
 - *Comment on the consultation responses.*
 - *Vote on the proposal to apply for a disapplication to the Minimum per pupil Levels should a transfer between the Schools Block and High Needs Block be approved.*

School Revenue Balances

- At the request of Forum the consultation included several questions in respect of the use of schools revenue balances.
- Responses were varied, but overall there was minimal support for schools to contribute from balances held.
- As per discussion with Form a further questionnaire (draft at **Appendix F**) will be circulated to schools to request information on balances.
- It is important to reiterate that this is **not** a process of withdrawing balances from schools, but knowing and understanding why these balances are being held.

De-delegations - Updated

- Apply to maintained primary schools only:

	Agreed 2019/20 Basis	Est. 2019/20 Amt. £'000	Proposed 2020/21 Basis	Est. 2020/21 Amt.
Contingency	£2.10 per pupil	£62k	£2.10 per pupil	£60k
Free School Meals	£4.65 per FSM child	£15k	£4.65 per FSM child	£15k
Insurance	<i>£19.22 per pupil</i>	<i>£572k</i>	<i>£22.51 per pupil</i>	<i>£643k</i>
Insurance (catch up)	n/a	n/a	£2.21 per pupil	£68k
Maternity	£5.00 per pupil	£149k	£5.00 per pupil	£143k
Trade Union Facilities Time	£1.10 per pupil	£33k	£1.10 per pupil	£31k
TOTAL		£832k		£960k

- Please note: Updated insurance figures above. Outcome of the DfE consultation on Risk Protection Arrangements to be published in January 2020.

Other Issues

- It has been identified that an error in the Schools census by an individual school has resulted in their numbers being understated.
- This would have a material impact on their budget if not corrected, and as such the ESFA have confirmed that we are able to apply a variation to pupil numbers to amend.
- However, as the overall DSG received will be based on the lower figure this will be an additional cost alongside the cost of growth for new and growing schools.