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Academy general annual grant allocation guide: 2020 to 2021 academic year

A guide for free schools opening between 1 September 2020 and 31 March 2021

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# Introduction

This operational guide helps you understand how the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) has calculated your 2020 to 2021 academic year funding. We have developed the guide in consultation with a sample of academies to make sure it meets your needs.

The guide supports your general annual grant (GAG) statement. It sets out the funding you will receive, how we have calculated it, the factors that have been applied and the source of the data we use. For 2020 to 2021, we have continued to use the national funding formula (NFF) for schools and for high needs, to allocate budgets to local authorities.

It is important to note that the NFF school-level allocations that we published in October 2019 in [spreadsheet format](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-funding-formula-tables-for-schools-and-high-needs-2020-to-2021) and then in a new [on-line tool](https://skillsfunding.service.gov.uk/national-funding-formula/2020-2021/start) in January 2020, were notional allocations only. In 2020 to 2021, local authorities have continued to set a local formula which has determined individual school and academy budgets in their authority. As in previous years, local authorities have submitted this local formula to us so that we can produce and issue academies allocation statements. Your GAG statement reflects the local formula.

## How to use the guide

We have produced the guide in a format that allows you to easily access the specific

We recognise that GAG funding makes up only part of the overall funding for your academy. We have added a section to the end of the guide listing the main [non-GAG revenue and capital funding lines](#_Funding_outside_the_1). It includes links to information about how and when these are paid.

## Who is the guide for?

This guide is for free schools open between 1 September 2020 and 31 March 2021, including those with designated special units and resourced provision.

## Further information

Further information about [academy revenue funding allocations](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/academies-funding-allocations) is available.

## The GAG statement explained

The following sections of this guide walk you through the GAG statement for the 2020 to 2021 academic year. Please note that the figures in the sample tables A to F **are intended as an illustration only**.

## Summary statement

The first page of your GAG statement is a summary of the tables that make up your GAG. The information used to populate the summary table comes from each of the tables in your pack. Section 2 (high needs allocation) will only be populated if your academy has a designated special unit. Section 3 (16 to 19 allocation) will only be populated if your academy has a sixth form.

## Academic year 2020 to 2021 summary table

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Education and Skills Funding Agency logo. | Academy general annual grant allocation statement: 2020 to 2021  |
| Name | Provider name |
| LA name | LA name |
| LAESTAB | LAEstab number |
| UPIN | UPIN |
| UKPRN | UKPRN |
| URN | URN |
| Opening date | Date  |
| **1. Breakdown of academic year 2020 to 2021 school allocation** |
| School budget share (excl. rates) | £0.00 | [See Table A](#exampletablea) |
| of which notional SEN funding |  £0.00  | [See Table A](#exampletablea) |
| Minimum funding guarantee | £0.00 | [See Table B](#Table_B) |
| Post-opening grant (start-up grant) |  £0.00  | [See Table C](#_Sample_Table_D) |
| **Total school allocation** |  **£0.00**  |   |
| **2. Breakdown of academic year 2020 to 2021 high needs allocation** |
| Pre-16 high needs place funding |  £0.00  | [See Table D](#_Sample_Table_E) |
| Post-16 high needs place funding |  £0.00  | [See Table E](#_Sample_Table_F) |
| **Total high needs allocation** |  **£0.00**  | (Excludes any top-up funding from local authority) |
| **3. Breakdown of 16 to 19 allocation** |
| Programme funding - formula | £0.00  |  See 16 to 19 allocation statement  |
| Formula protection funding |  £0.00  |
| Student financial support funding |  £0.00  |
| Industry placements funding  | £0.00  |
| Advanced maths premium funding | £0.00 |
| High value course premium funding |  £0.00 |
| **Total 16 to 19 allocation including student financial support funding** | **£0.00**  |
| **Total allocation (1+2+3)** |  **£0.00**  |  |
| Information on funding lines that are in addition to GAG will be provided separately (pupil premium, for example) |
| Your allocation does not include funding for national non-domestic rates (NNDR). This is because you should claim separately for the funding required using an [online claim form](https://form.education.gov.uk/build/fillform.php?self=1&form_id=rjNTYnbYuiQ&1). Payment is made in full within two months of the claim being submitted. |

## Sixth form funding

On 31 August 2019, the Chancellor announced an [additional £400m](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/chancellor-announces-400-million-investment-for-16-19-year-olds-education) for 16 to 19 education for academic year 2020 to 2021. We have published information on [what this means for 16 to 19 revenue funding allocations in 2020 to 2021](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/16-to-19-funding-information-for-2020-to-2021) and will continue to update our [16 to 19 funding allocations](https://www.gov.uk/16-to-19-education-funding-allocations) page and timeline with further information as it becomes available.

The summary table will present an extract from your 16 to 19 revenue funding allocation statement (which we upload to Document Exchange separately) as shown in section 3 of the sample table above.

Further information about [16 to 19 funding allocations](https://www.gov.uk/16-to-19-education-funding-allocations) including [guidance](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/16-to-19-funding-allocations-supporting-documents-for-2020-to-2021) to help you understand your allocation is also available.

# Table A - school budget share

[Table A](#_Sample_Table_A) sets out how we calculate your school budget share (SBS). Your local authority agrees funding factors and rates in consultation with its schools forum and supplies these to ESFA using the [local authority pro forma tool.](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/authority-proforma-tool-apt-information-for-local-authorities) We apply these to your academy pupil numbers.

Pupil numbers are derived either from your autumn 2019 validated [school census](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/complete-the-school-census) return or your agreed estimate of pupil numbers for the 2020 to 2021 academic year, depending on the terms of your funding agreement. However, where the local authority notifies us of variations in school census numbers (through their authority proforma tool, for planned growth or infrastructure changes) then these will be used to calculate your allocation. [Table F](#Table_I) gives further information about the pupil numbers we use in the calculation of your allocation.

We do not make a deduction to your SBS pupil numbers for high needs places. Instead we determine the SBS based on the total number of pupils on roll, including those in the special unit or resourced provision[[1]](#footnote-2).

## Table A - structure description

**Factor:** this column shows the names of the factors through which the local authority can allocate funding. There are three mandatory factors that all local authorities must use in their funding formula: basic entitlement age weighted pupil unit (AWPU), deprivation and minimum per pupil funding levels (MPPFL). All other factors are optional.

Factors are labelled as either pupil-led or non-pupil-led. Pupil-led factors are driven by pupil numbers or pupil characteristics. At least 80% of a local authority’s schools block funding must flow through pupil-led factors. This may not be the case for every individual school, however.

Non-pupil-led factors could include lump sum, split site funding, private finance initiative (PFI) and exceptional circumstances. The exceptional circumstances lines will only show on your statement if your local authority has ESFA agreement that it can apply exceptional factors and these are applicable to your academy.

**Description:** this column gives you more information about the basis for the calculation.

**Full year funding amount:** this is the amount the local authority has calculated for the 2020 to 2021 financial year.

**Part year funding amount**: this is a proportioned amount based on the full 2020 to 2021 financial year amount calculated by the local authority. It is based on the number of days between the date the academy opened and the end of the academic year on 31 August 2021. The heading will be adapted according to the opening date of the academy. For academies opening on 1 September 2020, this will be equivalent to the full year funding amount.

**Total pupil-led factors:** this shows the total of all the pupil-led factors applicable to your academy.

**Total other factors:** this shows the total of all the non-pupil-led factors applicable to your academy.

**Total school budget share:** this is the sum of your pupil-led factors and non-pupil-led factors (excluding rates but including any applicable MPPFL uplift).

**Funding previously de-delegated:** Funding for services is delegated by local authorities to schools through the funding formula. Maintained schools collectively may then pass back, or de-delegate, funding to the local authority for certain services to be provided centrally, with the approval of the schools forum. A list of those services for which funding can be de-delegated can be found in the [schools funding 2020 to 2021 operational guide](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pre-16-schools-funding-local-authority-guidance-for-2020-to-2021).

In order to give the local authority time to plan services, some de-delegated funds are retained by local authorities after maintained schools convert to academy status. In these cases, new academies do not receive the de-delegated funds until an agreed point later in the year. Until this point local authorities should continue to provide services to new academies where funding is de-delegated, if they are asked to do so.

Academies opening on 1 September 2020 will receive the full de-delegated amount for the academic year and should therefore secure these services independently from this point. For academies opening after 1 September 2020, de-delegation funding will only be provided for the period from 1 April 2021 onwards. Until this point the local authority should continue to provide the services to new academies where funding is de-delegated, if they are asked to do so. If the local authority is unable to provide the requested service then they could, alternatively, pay the funding directly to the academy.

## Sample Table A – school budget share

This example for an academy opening on 1 September 2020 includes explanations to help you understand your own table A.

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| **Factor** | **Description** | **Full year funding amount** | **Part year funding amount** | **Explanation** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **1.** [**Basic entitlement age weighted pupil unit (AWPU)**](#AWPU) | Primary (including reception) | £0.00 | £0.00 | For 2020 to 2021, the basic entitlement minimum unit values for primary and secondary pupils are £2,000 and £3,000 respectively. The local authority can set different unit values for key stage 3 (KS3) and key stage 4 (KS4) but each of these must be at least £3,000 per pupil.Local authorities also have the option to apply a reception uplift that is to add new reception pupils starting between the autumn and January census during 2018 to 2019. .  |
| Key stage 3 | £1,433,951.20 | £1,433,951.20 |
| Key stage 4 | £1,251,439.36 | £1,251,439.36 |
| **2.** [**Deprivation**](#Deprivation) | Primary IDACI band F | £0.00 | £0.00 | The [Income Deprivation Affecting Children Index](https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/english-indices-of-deprivation-2015) (IDACI) measures the proportion of children under the age of 16 that live in low income households in the local area.Your local authority formula can use any combination of IDACI categories and/or free school meals and Ever6 data to allocate its deprivation funding. A separate rate can be paid for each of the six categories in the IDACI index, and for the primary and secondary phases. |
| Primary IDACI band E | £0.00 | £0.00 |
| Primary IDACI band D | £0.00 | £0.00 |
| Primary IDACI band C | £0.00 | £0.00 |
| Primary IDACI band B | £0.00 | £0.00 |
| Primary IDACI band A | £0.00 | £0.00 |
| Secondary IDACI band F | £287.63 | £287.63 |
| Secondary IDACI band E | £0.00 | £0.00 |
| Secondary IDACI band D | £0.00 | £0.00 |
| Secondary IDACI band C | £0.00 | £0.00 |
| Secondary IDACI band B | £595.08 | £595.08 |
| Secondary IDACI band A | £0.00 | £0.00 |
| Primary free school meals (FSM) | £0.00 | £0.00 | This is the number of children in primary year groups in your academy eligible for a free school meal (FSM). Pupils eligible for FSM are recorded in the autumn 2019 school census. Note that if a local authority uses free school meals it can include either FSM or FSM6, or both. |
| Primary FSM6 | £0.00 | £0.00 | These are primary pupils who have been eligible for free school meals at any time in the past six years. The FSM6 indicator is produced by mapping the pupil premium 2019 to 2020 dataset onto the spring 2019 census. |
| Secondary FSM | £11,294.92 | £11,294.92 | This is the number of children in secondary year groups in your academy that are eligible for a free school meal. Pupils eligible for FSM are recorded in the autumn 2019 school census. |
| Secondary FSM6 | £71,981.53 | £71,981.53 | These are secondary pupils who have been eligible for free school meals at any time in the past six years. The FSM6 indicator is produced by mapping the pupil premium 2019 to 2020 dataset on to the spring 2019 census. |
| **3. Children looked after (CLA) (optional factor)** | CLA | £0.00 | £0.00 | The term 'looked after' refers to children under 18 who have been provided with care and accommodation by children's services. The measure uses data collected from the [SSDA903](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/children-looked-after-return-2015-to-2016-guide) return mapped to the spring school census. This factor covers all children who have been looked after for a day or more to 31 March 2019. |
| **4. Prior attainment** | Primary attainment: primary low attainment  | £0.00 | £0.00 | This factor may be applied for primary pupils identified as not achieving the expected level of development within the early years foundation stage profile (EYFSP).The EYFSP changed in 2013, so from 2019 to 2020 there will be no need for a primary weighting as all primary year groups will represent results under the new framework. |
| Secondary attainment: secondary pupils not achieving the expected standards in KS2 tests  | £216,858.28 | £216,858.28 | For secondary pupils, prior attainment funding can be targeted at pupils not achieving the expected standard in KS2 in either reading, writing or maths.A national weighting will be applied to year 7. Year 8, 9 and 10 pupils will have a fixed weighting. Secondary prior attainment for pupils in year 11 will continue to be calculated without a weighting to reflect that these pupils took the old style KS2 tests |
| **5. English as an additional language (EAL)** | Primary EAL band 1 | £0.00 | £0.00 | Local authorities can choose to fund EAL for one, two or three years from the point where the pupil joins statutory education in England. This does not include reception. EAL band 1 refers to all pupils in their first year of statutory education, EAL band 2 includes those in their first or second year and EAL band 3 includes all pupils in their first, second or third year. The data will be taken from the national pupil database. The rate can differ for primary and secondary pupils. |
| Primary EAL band 2 | £0.00 | £0.00 |
| Primary EAL band 3 | £0.00 | £0.00 |
| Secondary EAL band 1 | £0.00 | £0.00 |
| Secondary EAL band 2 | £0.00 | £0.00 |
| Secondary EAL band 3 |  |  |
| **6. Mobility (over 6% applicable only)** | Primary pupils starting school outside of normal entry dates (proportion above 6%) | £0.00 | £0.00 | Pupil mobility refers to pupils who started the school at an unusual time during the last three academic years i.e. not in September (or not in January for pupils joining in reception). This factor allows funding to be targeted at schools experiencing levels of pupil mobility in excess of 6% of the whole school cohort. Data is taken from entry dates on the autumn census. Funding is applied to numbers in excess of a 6% threshold. A separate funding rate can be applied to primary and secondary phases. |
| Secondary pupils starting school outside of normal entry dates (proportion above 6%) | £0.00 | £0.00 |
| **Total pupil-led factors** | **£2,989,184.67** | **£2,989,184.67** |  |
| **7. Sparsity** | Sparsity funding (see further details in Table A.2) | £0.00 | £0.00 | A fixed or variable amount may be applied to small schools and academies where the average distance to a pupil’s second nearest school is more than 2 miles (primary) or 3 miles (secondary) and the average year group size is below the specified threshold for its phase. The maximum value for the sparsity factor is £100,000 per school (including fringe uplift). Local authorities can make an application to ESFA to include an exceptional factor of up to £50,000 for very small sparse secondary schools. More detail can be found in the [sparsity factor](#The_sparsity_factor) section. |
| **8. Lump sum** | Lump sum  | £108,606.33 | £108,606.33 | The upper limit of the lump sum is £175,000. Local authorities may set a different lump sum for primary and secondary schools. All-through academies get the secondary rate, and middle schools get an average based on the number of year groups present in each phase. Any schools that merged in the 2019 to 2020 financial year will receive an allocation equivalent to 85% of the combined lump sums they would have received as separate establishments. The additional amount will be shown under the exceptional circumstance 1 line at the bottom of Table A. |
| **9. Split sites** | Split sites | £0.00 | £0.00 | This is an amount agreed by the local authority to cover additional costs associated with running a school across different sites. If the local authority chooses to apply this factor it must be based on clear criteria and a clear methodology for calculating the funding and be shown in the local authority’s pro forma. |
| **10. Private finance initiative (PFI)** | PFI | £0.00 | £0.00 | This factor funds the additional costs of being in a PFI contract. This is not necessarily the full cost. This factor can relate to additional premises costs and/or the affordability gap of the contract where this has been delegated. There is no limit to how much a local authority can allocate to this but they must set out a clear methodology for calculating the funding. |
| **11. London fringe** | London fringe | £0.00 | £0.00 | This factor supports schools that have to pay higher teacher salaries because they are in one of 5 local authorities in the London fringe area, where only part of the authority is in this area. These are: Buckinghamshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, Kent and West Sussex. It is applied as a multiplier to the total schools block factors excluding premises factors (PFI, split-site, and approved exceptional funding factors). |
| **Total other factors** | **£108,606.33** | **£108,606.33** |  |
| Exceptional circumstance 1  | Additional lump sum for schools amalgamated during the financial year 2019 to 2020 | £0.00 | £0.00 | This is the additional amount payable as a result of the amalgamation. It is 85% of the combined lump sums from the year after amalgamation. Additional lump sums may be agreed in a second year after amalgamation, these will be shown as one of exceptional circumstance 3 to 7.Note that this exceptional circumstance line will only appear in table A if your local authority has an approved exceptional factor and it applies to your academy. |
| Exceptional circumstance 2  | Additional sparsity lump sum for small schools  | £0.00 | £0.00 | Local authorities can apply to include an additional lump sum of up to £50,000 for very small secondary schools in sparsely populated areas. |
| Exceptional circumstance 3 | Exceptional circumstances 3 | £0.00 | £0.00 | Local authorities may request the inclusion of additional factors in their formula for exceptional circumstances relating to the nature of their premises. Such factors have to be approved by ESFA. To qualify as ‘exceptional’ these factors must normally affect fewer than 5% of schools (including academies) in the authority and the cost for the institution must normally exceed 1% of their budget. Note that these lines will only appear in Table A if your local authority has an approved exceptional factor and it applies to your academy. |
| Exceptional circumstance 4 | Exceptional circumstance 4 | £0.00 | £0.00 |
| Exceptional circumstance 5 | Exceptional circumstance 5 | £0.00 | £0.00 |
| Exceptional circumstance 6 | Exceptional circumstance 6 | £0.00 | £0.00 |
| Exceptional circumstance 7 | Exceptional circumstance 7 | £0.00 | £0.00 |  |
| Prior year adjustment (optional) | Prior year funding adjustment | £0.00 | £0.00 | Local authorities can apply an adjustment to total funding where they wish to make an amendment relating to funding paid in the prior year that will be added to or deducted from the current year’s allocation.Note that this line will only appear in Table A if it applies to your academy. |
|  |  |  |  |
| MPPFL rate (optional)  | Minimum per pupil funding level (as set by the local authority) | £0.00 | See the [minimum per pupil funding level](#_Minimum_funding_level) section for more detail. |
| MPPFL Adjustment (if applicable) | Total adjustment required to ensure the academy meets the MPPFL rate by the local authority | £0.00 | Any adjustment to the SBS as a result of applying a minimum per pupil funding rate will be shown here. This is calculated as the minimum per pupil level rate, less the per pupil allocation, multiplied by number on roll. |
| **Total school budget share****(excluding rates)** | **£3,097,791.00** | **£3,097,791.00** |  |
| **of which notional SEN budget** | **£249,240.19** | **£249,240.19** |  |
| **funding previously delegated** | **£12,287.38** | **£12,287.38** |  |

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## Minimum per pupil funding level

Local authorities can choose to include a minimum per pupil funding level factor in their funding formula up to the NFF levels below.

The local authority can set a separate value for the different phases of education. The minimum per pupil funding level applied to an individual academy calculation is therefore dependent on the phase of education of that establishment and is calculated as follows:

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Phase** | **Minimum per pupil funding level rate (where local authority is using the factor, can be set up to these levels)**  |
| Primary | £3,500 |
| Secondary (with KS3 and KS4 pupils | £4,800 |
| KS3 only | £4,600 |
| KS4 only | £5,100 |
| Middle | ((primary level \* primary year groups) +(KS3 level \* KS3 year groups) + KS4 level \* KS4 year groups ) / total year groups |
| All-through | £4,042 (primary level \* 7/12) + (secondary level \* 5/12)  |

The total academy SBS allocation (excluding any prior year adjustment) is divided by the funded number on roll (NOR) (reception to year 11) to arrive at the per pupil allocation for comparing with the minimum per pupil funding level. As local authorities include funding for rates in maintained school SBS allocations[[2]](#footnote-3), ESFA will include the rates figure from the local factors dataset as a proxy measure of rates for inclusion in the calculation.

Local authorities can also choose to exclude rates, PFI, split sites and/or exceptional factors from the minimum funding level calculation. Where the local authority chooses to exclude one or more of these factors, these values will be deducted from SBS before the per pupil allocation is calculated.

If the academy’s per pupil allocation is higher than the minimum per pupil funding level rate set by the local authority the minimum per pupil funding level allocation is zero. Otherwise, the minimum per pupil funding level allocation is calculated as the minimum per pupil level rate, less the per pupil allocation, multiplied by NOR.

Where an academy receives a minimum per pupil funding level allocation, they will be exempt from capping and scaling in the minimum funding guarantee (MFG) module. Similarly, where they do not receive a minimum per pupil funding level allocation, but the local authority uses the factor to set a minimum per pupil funding level, capping and scaling should not take the budget lower than the minimum per pupil funding level.

Further details are included in the MFG section.

## The sparsity factor

The sparsity factor is derived from the distance that pupils live from their second nearest eligible school. For each school, those pupils for whom the school is the closest eligible school are identified and then the average distance to the second nearest eligible school for these pupils is calculated. Distances are calculated using the crow flies distance from a pupil’s postcode to a school’s postcode. This has been calculated using pupil and school postcode coordinates from the autumn pupil level and school level census. For the purposes of this factor, selective grammar schools are not considered when identifying the second nearest school. In addition, pupils living outside of England are excluded from the sparsity distance calculations.

The school size criteria in the sparsity calculation is based on average year group.

A school may attract sparsity funding if it meets the following criteria:

| **Phase** | **Average year group size fewer than:** | **Average distance from second nearest school** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Primary | 21.4 pupils  | 2 miles or more |
| Middle | 69.2 pupils  | 2 miles or more |
| Secondary | 120 pupils | 3 miles or more |
| All-through | 62.5 pupils | 2 miles or more |

Local authorities can narrow the eligibility criteria by increasing the average distance to the second nearest school or reducing the pupil number thresholds. They may not widen the eligibility criteria. Local authorities can determine a sparsity lump sum for each of the above phases, up to a maximum of £100,000 per academy in each case. They can also use a ‘taper’ so that the amount paid to an institution is relative to their pupil numbers. This means the smallest schools receive higher sparsity funding.

Local authorities can apply the NFF methodology which gives the lump sum to the smallest schools and then applies a taper for those with an average year group size greater than 50% of the threshold.

Local authorities can also make a request to ESFA to include an additional lump sum of up to £50,000 for very small secondary schools in sparsely populated areas. The criteria for eligibility of a school are:

* pupils present in years 10 and 11
* 350 pupils or fewer

a sparsity distance of 5 miles or more

# Table B: 2020 to 2021 funding protection

Funding protection limits the impact of differences in the per-pupil funding element of budgets developed using the previous year’s financial template and/or ready-reckoner and actual budgets based on the new local formula. The protection will limit the difference in per-pupil funding to +0.5% and -1.5% per pupil in order to offer higher levels of protection locally.

This element of protection funding is only applicable for the first year of opening.

In order to determine whether the protection needs to be applied, we compare the 2019 to 2020 academic year local authority average per pupil rate (intended to be representative of the funding in that year’s free schools ‘ready reckoner’) to the 2020 to 2021 academic year local authority average per-pupil rate.

If there is a fall in per pupil funding between the two academic years of more than the rate set by the local authority, then a protection amount will be payable.

The per pupil protection amount will be calculated using the 2020 to 2021 academic year pupil numbers to find the total protection amount to be added to the individual academy SBS. Table B shows the funding protection calculation. This will be shown on the GAG statement as a ‘funding protection’ amount.

## Exclusions and adjustments

A number of exclusions and adjustments are applied to the respective school budget shares in order to ensure a valid comparison.

### Exclusions

The funding lines automatically excluded from the calculation are:

* mobility
* high needs
* sparsity
* looked after children (LAC)

## Sample Table B: academic year 2020 to 2021 funding protection

The example includes explanations to help you understand your own Table B.

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| **Line** | **Value** | **Calculation** | **Explanation** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1. | Academic year 2019 to 2020 local authority overall per pupil rate |  |  | £5,609.54 |  |  |
| 2. | Academic year 2020 to 2021 local authority overall per pupil rate |  |  | £5,618.03 |  |  |
| 3. | Percentage change |  |  | 0.15% | =(2 – 1) / 1 | Percentage change in the per pupil rate between the two academic years. |
| 4. | Academic year 2020 to 2021 number on roll |  |  | 210 |  | The total number of pupils on roll in the 2020 to 2021 academic year will be used to calculate the total protection amount. High needs places are excluded. |
| 5. | Funding protection floor |  |  | 0.50% |  |  |
| 6. | Extent below floor |  |  | 0.3486% | IF 3 < 5 Then 5 – 3 Else 0 |  |
| 7. | Difference per pupil |  |  | £19.55 | = 1 x 6 |  |
| 8. | Does funding protection apply |  |  | Yes | = IF (3 < 5, ‘Yes’, ‘No’) |  |
| 9. | **Total funding protection amount – full year** | **£4,106.52** | = 4 x 7 | This shows the total amount of protection payable. |
| 10. | **Total funding protection – prorate (01 September 2020 to 31 August 2021)** | **£4,106.52** | = 9 x 365 days / 365 days | The total allocation proportioned from the time you open until the end of the academic year, 31 August 2021. |

# Table C – post-opening grant (start-up grant)

[Table C](#_Sample_Table_C) will only be populated if you are due to receive start-up grant or post-opening grant funding in the 2020 to 2021 academic year.

## Start-up grant (SUG)

SUG is paid to full sponsored academies only. These lines will not therefore be populated in your statement.

## Post-opening grant (POG)

Free schoolss and university technical colleges (UTCs) are provided with a post-opening grant to reflect the additional costs in establishing a new publicly-funded school which cannot be met through the general annual grant (GAG). The post-opening grant provides funding in two elements as the free school grows: per pupil resources, paid on a per pupil basis, and a leadership diseconomies grant. These titles reflect the basis on which the funding is calculated, but the grant can be spent on any legitimate purpose of the school.

The first element (resources) is paid each year that the school builds up to capacity for each new pupil expected to be on roll. The resources element is calculated at the time that the financial plan is agreed, prior to opening; the post-opening grant ***will not*** be reviewed on an annual basis to reflect actual pupil numbers i.e. once awarded, the post-opening grant will be paid in line with the original financial plan.

The second element (leadership) is paid annually based on the number of year groups that the school will ultimately have that do not yet have pupils. The amount is paid to mainstream schools with pupils aged 5 to 15 each year depending on how many year groups (cohorts) are empty.

Free schools established through the local authority presumption route won’t attract POG as the local authority is responsible for the pre-opening development costs and post-opening funding required to address diseconomies of scale until the school reaches full capacity.

## Sample Table C – academic year 2020 to 2021 post-opening grant (start-up grant)

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|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  **Line** | **Value** | **Calculation** |  **Explanation** |
| 1. | Start-up grant part A  | £0.00 |  | For academies that opened from April 2013 this is a one-off payment. For academies that opened before April 2013, the payments will be over a number of years and any funding applicable to the 2020 to 2021 academic year will be shown in this line. |
| 2. | Start-up grant part B – formulaic allocation | £0.00 |  | For academies that opened from April 2013 the total part B value will be paid in the first 3 years after opening for secondary and the first 2 years after opening for primary academies.  |
| 3. | Post-opening grant – per pupil resources | £0.00 |  | For free schools and studio schools, this is the total of the resource element of the POG.  |
| 4. | Post-opening grant – leadership diseconomies | £0.00 |  | For free schools and studio schools, this is the total of the diseconomies element of the POG.  |
| **5.** | **Total post-opening grant (start-up grant) allocation**  | **£0.00** | **= 1 + 2 + 3 + 4**  | The sum of SUG or POG elements as applicable. |

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# Table D – pre-16 high needs place funding

[Table D](#_Sample_Table_G) will only be populated for those mainstream academies that have designated special units.

In 2020 to 2021, pre-16 places at special units occupied by pupils recorded on the school census as sole or dual (main) will be funded at £6,000. Pupils in these places will also attract funding through the mainstream school formula.

Other places are funded at £10,000. This may apply where:

* the place is or will be occupied by a pupil registered on the roll of another school
* a place isn’t occupied at the time of the school census count, but is likely to be filled, and requires funding
* spare capacity is required for another reason

ESFA confirm the number of high needs places in mainstream academies and free schools to fund in 2020 to 2021 as part of the [annual place change notification](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/high-needs-funding-arrangements-2020-to-2021) process.

This provides a base level of funding. Any additional funding above this level (top-up) must be agreed with your commissioning local authority. Top-up funding is paid by the local authority and is therefore not shown on your GAG funding statement. Further information on [high needs funding arrangements for 2020 to 2021](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/high-needs-funding-arrangements-2020-to-2021) is available.

## Sample Table D – academic year 2020 to 2021 pre-16 high needs place funding

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| **Type** | **Place numbers** | **Annual per place unit value** | **Total pre-16 allocation** | **Calculation** | **Explanation** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1. | [Special](#Sparsity_line_1) unoccupied | 1 | £10,000.00 | £10,000.00 |  | **Place numbers**: rolled forward 2019 to 2020 places (or agreed place numbers where a change in place numbers has been requested).**Unit value**: £6,000 per occupied place, £10,000 per unoccupied place**Total allocation** = place numbers x unit value |
| 2. | Special occupied | 8 | £6,000.00 | £48,000.00 |  |
| **3.** | [Alternative](#Sparsity_line_2) provision | 0 | £10,000.00 | £0.00 |  | **Place numbers**: rolled forward 2019 to 2020 places (or agreed place numbers where a change in place numbers has been requested).**Unit value**: £10,000 per place**Total allocation** = place numbers x unit value |
| **4.** | [**Total**](#Sparsity_line_3) **pre-16 high needs allocation** |  **£0.00** | **= 1 + 2 + 3** | Total pre-16 allocation (special) + total pre-16 allocation (alternative provision)  |

# Table E – post-16 high needs place funding

[This table](#_Sample_Table_F) will only be populated for those mainstream academies that have post-16 pupils in designated special units or resourced provision.

High needs funding for post-16 pupils in designated units/resourced provision in mainstream academies is calculated on a per-place basis. This is paid in two elements: £6,000 per place which is paid through the high needs block and the per pupil amount paid at the national funding formula rate (included in the 16 to19 allocation lines shown on the summary table of your statement).

ESFA confirm the number of high needs places in mainstream academies and free schools to fund in 2020 to 2021 as part of the [annual place change notification](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/high-needs-funding-arrangements-2020-to-2021) process.

This place funding provides a base level of funding. Any additional funding for post-16 high needs above this level (top-up funding) must be agreed with your commissioning local authority. Top-up funding is paid by the local authority and is therefore not shown on your funding statement. Further information on [high needs funding arrangements for 2020 to 2021](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/high-needs-funding-arrangements-2020-to-2021) is available.

## Sample Table E – academic year 2020 to 2021 post-16 high needs place funding

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| **Place numbers** | **Annual per place unit** | **Total post-16 allocation** | **Explanation** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 0 | £6,000.00 | £0.00 | **Place numbers**: rolled forward post-16 2019 to 2020 places (or agreed place numbers where a change in place numbers has been requested).**Unit value**: £6,000**Total post-16 allocation** = place numbers x unit value |

Further information on [high needs funding arrangements for 2020 to 2021](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/high-needs-funding-arrangements-2020-to-2021) is available.

# Table F – pupil number matrix

[Table F](#_Sample_table_F_1) shows the pupil numbers used in each of the calculations. The main sources of pupil numbers are the autumn 2019 census, estimates provided by academies and agreed high needs places. Within your allocation the number of pupils attracting the various funding elements may differ. For example, the calculations for school budget share (SBS) do not include nursery or 16 to 19 pupils.

In 2020 to 2021, pupils in designated special units or resourced provision in mainstream academies are included in the calculation of SBS pupil-led factors. These pupils are also funded under the place funding system as described in table D.

Your local authority can opt to apply a reception uplift to your pupil numbers. The pupils counted in the reception uplift are also counted in all primary pupil-led factor calculations in the SBS. They are not, however, included in the calculation of MFG.

For census-funded academies, pupil numbers are taken from the autumn 2019 validated [school census](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/school-census) using single registration at the school and current **main**-dual registration. However, where the local authority notifies us of variations in school census numbers (through their authority proforma tool, for planned growth or infrastructure changes) then these will be used to calculate your allocation.

For [academies funded on estimates](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/academies-funded-on-estimates) pupil numbers are drawn from the final validated revenue funding data collection (RFDC) dataset.

## Sample table F – academic year 2020 to 2021 pupil number matrix

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Reception uplift1** | **Primary****2** | **Secondary****3** | **Post-16****4** | **Total** | **Calculation** |
| **School budget share (SBS)** | 0 | 0 | 770 | N/A | 770 | **= 1 + 2 + 3**  |

# Funding outside the GAG

The previous sections explain the elements that make up your GAG funding. As an academy you will receive other revenue funding that is not part of your GAG. Some non-GAG funding has not been confirmed for 2020 to 2021, this section will be updated as the grants are confirmed. Currently confirmed are:

* [early years funding](https://www.gov.uk/schools-colleges-childrens-services/early-years) - paid by the local authority to academies with a nursery class through the early years national funding formula (EYNFF)
* national non-domestic rates (NNDR) - paid on receipt of a claim using an [online form](https://form.education.gov.uk/build/fillform.php?self=1&form_id=rjNTYnbYuiQ&1) in a single amount outside of the SBS
* [pupil premium](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pupil-premium-allocations-and-conditions-of-grant-2019-to-2020) - paid in four instalments by ESFA. Allocations for the 2020 to 2021 financial year will be published in due course
* high needs top-up funding - paid by the local authority where required. In the case of AP, top-up funding can be paid directly by other schools and academies. Information about the [high needs funding arrangements for 2020 to 2021](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/high-needs-funding-arrangements-2020-to-2021) is available.
* [teachers' pay grant](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/teachers-pay-grant-allocations-for-2020-to-2021-financial-year)
* [T level funding](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/how-t-levels-will-be-funded-in-academic-year-2020-to-2021)  - for providers selected to deliver T Levels in the 2020 to 2021 academic year
* [teachers’ pension employer contribution grant](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/teachers-pension-grant-2020-to-2021-allocations)

Further information about [revenue funding payments for academies](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/funding-payments-for-academies), the [growth fund](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pre-16-schools-funding-local-authority-guidance-for-2020-to-2021) and [falling rolls fund](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pre-16-schools-funding-local-authority-guidance-for-2020-to-2021) is available.

In addition, your academy may receive [capital funding](https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/academies-funding-payments-and-compliance#academies-capital-funding) from ESFA.

## Risk protection arrangement (RPA)

If you are a member of [RPA](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/academies-risk-protection-arrangement-rpa) any adjustment made to your funding will be shown on your monthly pay schedule.  It is not shown on your allocation statement as it does not affect your allocation, but does affect the amount you will receive on a monthly basis.  If you opt into RPA you will not receive an adjusted allocation statement, but your monthly pay schedule will be reissued. Details of the values for new academies are on the monthly remittance advice notes issued to the academy trust.



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1. We have made an adjustment between the high needs block, and the schools block for each local authority to reflect this. Place funding rates reflect this (as set out in [Table D](#_Table_G_–_1)). [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)