

## **Briefing note to Schools Forum, 8 October 2024**

### Dedicated Schools Grant 2025/26 update

Under normal circumstances, Local Authorities receive a National Funding Formula update in July of each year ahead of the indicative funding allocations in December.

This is to enable consultation with schools around the Central School Services Block and De-delegation items, and consideration of local implications in applying the National Funding Formula Factors.

Where this is the case, we would ideally carry out the consultation at the start of the Autumn Term.

This briefing note is to inform Forum that this process has been delayed due to the calling of the General Election and, at this point in time we have not yet received any indication as to what the potential amendments could be.

As and when we do, we will commence a consultation, but it may be within a shortened timescale to be able to produce papers for the December Schools Forum meeting, which informs the completion of the Authority Proforma Tool (which has a submission date of 17/1/2025).

We will therefore request some flexibility around dates of Schools Forum meetings to enable us to fulfil the statutory requirements.

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