

**School Funding Reform 2018-19  
Mainstream Schools  
Framework**

**General**

1. Members of the working group will be expected to seek views and input from their phases and to ensure their colleagues are aware of any Consultations issued by the Local Authority in respect of school funding
2. Results of financial modelling will be shared with working groups and Schools Forum at a high level only (e.g X schools lose more than £a or b%, Y schools gain more than £c or d%)

**Absence of DfE guidance**

For the purposes of financial modelling and until guidance is received from the DfE, it will be assumed that:

- the per pupil funding from the DfE will remain the same as in 2017-18.
- all primary and secondary schools will continue to receive protected funding levels at minus 1.5% per pupil for 2018-19.
- any gains made by schools will be maintained; subject to affordability; at 1.5% on a per pupil basis

**In the absence of moving to the National Funding Formula**

Potential areas to be considered:

- Growth fund criteria
- Secondary schools and the numbers of pupils with additional needs, concerns have been expressed that the current formula may not be targeting funding sufficiently where schools have a high numbers of pupils with additional needs
- Any other areas to be considered

**Moving to a National Funding Formula**

The parameters will be defined once the guidance has been announced. At this stage we are seeking the working groups views and early thoughts about how we transition to the National Funding Formula.

An overarching principle will be to maintain stability as much as possible to avoid large fluctuations in funding at a school level.