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## 2024/25 School Funding

## DfE Revised 2024/25 Provisional National Funding Formula Allocations

On Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023, the Department for Education (DfE) provided notification that an error had been made by DfE officials in the school National Funding Formula (NFF) calculations for the 2024/25 financial year. The error related to forecast pupil numbers and results in the national average funding increase per pupil for the 2024/25 financial year being reduced from the DfE previously published figure of 2.7% to 1.9%. The DfE have provided revised 2024/25 provisional NFF funding allocations and operational guidance; this can be found at: <a href="Pre-16 schools funding: local authority guidance for 2024 to 2025 - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)">Pre-16 schools funding: local authority guidance for 2024 to 2025 - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</a>

Specifically for North Yorkshire, the resulting implications of the DfE error are a reduction of £3.87m in the provisional NFF funding allocation for the 2024/25 financial year. The provisional funding increase per pupil for the 2024/25 financial year has reduced from 2.76% to 1.86%. The final school funding allocation for the 2024/25 financial year for the local authority is expected to be provided by the DfE in December 2023 and will be based on the October 2023 school census data. Individual school budget allocations for the 2024/25 financial year will be issued in February 2024.

## 2024/25 North Yorkshire School Funding Consultation

The local authority is currently consulting schools and academies within North Yorkshire on funding arrangements for the 2024/25 financial year. The funding consultation questions are principle-based, and, in this respect, the local authority intends to continue with the consultation process. In recognition of the revised 2024/25 provisional funding allocation received from the DfE, the schedule providing indicative funding allocations at individual school level which was distributed through the local authority consultation has been updated to reflect the revised DfE figures (please see appendix 1). The

consultation closing date will also be extended to Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023 (5pm). Any schools and academies wishing to revise a consultation response that has already been submitted are requested to inform the Schools Finance to disregard their original response; this can be done by notifying: <a href="mailto:schoolsfinanceteam@northyorks.gov.uk">schoolsfinanceteam@northyorks.gov.uk</a>.

The 2024/25 North Yorkshire School Funding Consultation can be found at: <a href="https://consult.northyorks.gov.uk/snapwebhost/s.asp?k=169519895788">https://consult.northyorks.gov.uk/snapwebhost/s.asp?k=169519895788</a>

Please contact the Schools Finance Team – email: <u>Schoolsfinanceteam@northyorks.gov.uk</u> if you have any queries in relation to the content of this letter

Yours sincerely

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