

Consultation With Shropshire Maintained Schools on Central Retention of Dedicated Schools Grant From April 2022

November 2021

Name of maintained school	
Name of person completing form	
Role in school	
Contact email address	
Date form completed	

Please scan and return the completed form to schoolfunding@shropshire.gov.uk ,
by no later than **Friday 26 November 2021**.

The full consultation document is available on the Shropshire Learning Gateway at
<https://www.shropshirelg.net/> .

DE-DELEGATION

1. Pupil growth contingency – primary schools only

Options (please tick one preference):

a. De-delegate funding from primary maintained schools as in previous years, with per pupil sums determined by the outturn position in 2021-22 i.e. an overspend or underspend will affect the per pupil rate in 2022-23. An underspend is currently forecast and so the per pupil rate of £4.39 may reduce in 2022-23.	
b. Fully delegate funding and responsibility to maintained schools, meaning that schools would be liable for funding pupil growth from their individual delegated budgets from April 2022.	

Please add any comments in the box below:

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2. Maternity cover

Options (please tick one preference):

a. De-delegate funding from maintained schools as in previous years, with per pupil sums determined by outturn position in 2021-22 – as an overspend is forecast in 2021-22 the per pupil rate in 2022-23 will need to increase from the current £19.27 – best estimate at this stage is a £3.50 per pupil increase.	
b. Fully delegate funding and responsibility to maintained schools, meaning that schools would be liable for funding maternity cover from their individual delegated budgets from April 2022.	

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3. Trade union duties (referred to as facilities time)

Options (please tick one preference):

a. De-delegate funding of £25,000 from maintained schools, as in 2021-22, with the per pupil cost determined by the number of maintained pupils at the time the budgets for 2022-23 are set. In 2021-22 the per pupil cost was £2.10 for primary and secondary maintained schools.	
b. De-delegate funding from maintained schools at an increased rate of £3.00 per primary aged pupil and £4.00 per secondary aged pupil. This option has been presented by the trade unions.	
c. Fully delegate funding and responsibility to maintained schools, meaning that local arrangements for facilities time would need to be secured by individual schools and/or groups of schools in collaboration with trade unions.	

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4. School improvement

Option (please tick if you support the proposal):

De-delegate funding from primary maintained schools, holding the unit values at 2021-22 levels of a fixed element of £572.67 per site and a variable element of £4.11 per pupil. De-delegation for secondary maintained schools will be based on a per pupil unit contribution of £0.99.	
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TOP-SLICING

5. Redundancy fund

Options (please tick one preference):

a. Top-slice funding from maintained schools, with per pupil sums determined by outturn position in 2021-22 i.e. an overspend or underspend in 2021-22 will affect the per pupil rate in 2022-23.	
b. Fully delegate funding and responsibility to maintained schools, meaning that schools would be liable for funding all redundancy costs from their delegated budget from April 2022.	

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6. Statutory school finance

Option (please tick if you support the proposal):

Top-slice funding of £30,000 from maintained schools, as in 2021-22, with the per pupil cost determined by the number of maintained pupils at the time the budgets for 2022-23 are set.	
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7. Statutory human resources and health and safety

Option (please tick if you support the proposal):

Top-slice funding of £4.40 per pupil from maintained schools (no increase on 2021-22 per pupil rate).	
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8. Education Access Service

Options (please tick one preference):

a. Top-slice from maintained schools to be held at the 2021-22 level of £12.50 per pupil.	
b. Fully delegate funding and responsibility to maintained schools, presenting buy-back arrangements through service delivery agreements from April 2022 for those seeking to secure ongoing education welfare and inclusion support for the statutory areas currently covered by the top-slice.	

Please add any comments in the box below:

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Thank you for taking the time to complete this consultation form. The consultation forms received from Shropshire maintained schools by the deadline of Friday 26 November 2021, will be collated and will inform the report going to Schools Forum on Thursday 2 December 2021, at which the de-delegation and top-slicing decisions for April 2022 will be taken. Any queries relating to this consultation can be emailed to schoolfunding@shropshire.gov.uk.