

**Consultation on proposed changes to the
COMMON FUNDING SCHEME
FOR
THE LOCAL MANAGEMENT OF SCHOOLS**

RESPONSE FORM

DE Ref:	_____
Board Ref:	_____
School Name:	_____
Principal Name	_____
Address:	_____ _____ _____
Post Code	_____
Tel. No.	_____
Signed on behalf of the Board of Governors	_____
Date:	_____

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO YOUR RELEVANT FUNDING
AUTHORITY BY Friday 12th December 2008**

This response form must be used by schools to comment on the proposals for changes to the current Common Funding Scheme.

Section 1

You are provided with tick box options relating to each of the consultation points on proposals for changes to the current Common Funding Scheme.

To enable Funding Authorities to collate responses accurately and quickly, **schools are also asked to complete the summary table at the end of this section.**

Section 2

This provides for further written comments or any additional views that you may wish to make on any aspect of the proposals for changes to the current Common Funding Scheme.

Please ensure that you print your school's name in the box provided.

Please note that under the current Open Government Code and the Freedom of Information Act 2005, your response to this consultation may be made available, on request, to the public.

Any queries relating to this Response Form should be directed to your Funding Authority.

A single response, signed on behalf of the school's Board of Governors, should be forwarded to the Funding Authority by 12 December 2008.

SECTION 1

Common Funding Scheme Part 3 – THE LMS FORMULA

1. AGE WEIGHTED PUPIL UNITS (AWPU) FACTOR - (Sections 3.4 to 3.7 of the Common Funding Scheme and paragraphs 1.3 to 1.12 of the Consultation Document refer)

1.1 Do you agree that the current AWPU weighting of 1.04 applied to primary-age pupils should be increased?

YES

NO

No View

1.2 Do you agree that the current AWPU weighting applied to primary-age pupils should be increased to 1.05?

YES

NO

No View

2. FOUNDATION STAGE FACTOR - (Paragraphs 2.4 to 2.8 of the Consultation Document refer)

2.1 Do you agree that a new Foundation Stage factor should be included in the Common Funding Formula to distribute the resources being made available to support primary schools in the delivery of the Foundation Stage of the primary curriculum?

YES

NO

No View

2.2 Do you agree with the proposed funding methodology of allocating a minimum lump sum amount of £12,000 for eligible primary schools that have a combined primary year 1 and year 2 enrolment of up to 10 pupils, with an additional per pupil amount thereafter for each primary year 1 & year 2 pupil above 10?

YES

NO

No View

2.3 If you do not agree, what alternative approach would you suggest?
Please use Section 2 to provide any additional views you wish to make.

SECTION 1

3. PRIMARY PRINCIPALS' RELEASE TIME FACTOR - (Paragraphs 3.6 to 3.13 of the Consultation Document and Sections 3.34 to 3.36 of the Common Funding Scheme refer)
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3.1 Do you agree that a new Primary Principals' Release Time factor should be included in the Common Funding Formula, together with a resultant adjustment to the current Small Schools' Support factor in relation to primary schools? This new factor will distribute resources to smaller primary schools to help ensure that at least two days per week release from teaching duties is available for the Principals of these schools.

YES

NO

No View

3.2 Do you agree with the proposed funding methodology, which would distribute this funding along similar lines to the operation of the current Small Schools' Support Factor for primary schools, by allocating a lump sum amount of around £15,900 to primary schools of up to 100 pupils, tapering to zero at 300 pupils?

YES

NO

No View

3.3 If you do not agree, what alternative approach would you suggest?

Please use Section 2 to provide any additional views you wish to make.

SECTION 1

Summary of Responses

DE Reference: _____

Board Reference: _____

School Name: _____

Question	Proposal	YES	NO	No View
Q 1.1	There should be an increase to the current AWPU weighting applied for primary school pupils.			
Q 1.2	There should be an increase to the current AWPU weighting applied for primary school pupils from 1.04 to 1.05.			
Q 2.1	A new Foundation Stage factor should be introduced within the Common Funding Formula.			
Q 2.2	The proposed methodology to distribute funding under a new Foundation Stage factor.			
Q 3.1	A new Primary Principals' Release Time factor should be introduced within the Common Funding Formula.			
Q 3.2	The proposed methodology to distribute funding under a new Primary Principals' Release Time factor.			

