

**MONMOUTHSHIRE LOCAL EDUCATION AUTHORITY**  
**CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE DIRECTORATE**  
**CONSULTATION DOCUMENT – CHANGES TO THE FUNDING**  
**FORMULA FOR SCHOOLS.**

- This document forms part of the consultation process on the proposed changes to the funding formula which delegates funding to schools within Monmouthshire.
- The relevant Welsh Government legislation that Monmouthshire Local Education Authority is bound by is:

The Schools Budget Share (Wales) Regulations 2010.

**CONSULTATION DOCUMENT**

**CHANGES TO THE DELEGATION OF FUNDING FOR SCHOOLS WITHIN  
MONMOUTHSHIRE.**

Date of Issue: **25<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

Action Required: **Consultation closes noon on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019.**

**Title of Document:** The Review of Funding for Schools in Monmouthshire Consultation Document.

**Audience:** All Head teachers of Monmouthshire Schools, Chairs of Governing Bodies of Monmouthshire Schools, The Schools Budget Forum, the Senior Leadership Team, the Departmental Management Team of the Children and Young People Directorate, Diocesan Directors of Education, and All Elected Members.

**Overview:** This document details the background that gave rise to the review of the current consultation on Schools funding and then outlines the new proposals for the distribution of this funding.

**Action Required:** A proforma (Appendix 2) is enclosed for your response. The completed form should be sent to the address below by the consultation closing date of **noon on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019**

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**Related Documents:** The Schools Budget Shares (Wales) Regulations 2010

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## **1. Background**

- 1.1 The school budget forum reviews the funding formula for school regularly to ensure that the funding is distributed to schools in the fairest way.
- 1.2 Following a meeting of the School Budget Funding Forum on the 24<sup>th</sup> January 2019, members agreed to consult on the funding formula for Mounton House Special School.

## **2. Issues with current arrangements**

- 2.1 The current formula provides funding for both day and residential pupils attending the school. The current placement funding is 42, this includes capacity for 18 residential pupils.
- 2.2 Currently there are 21 pupils on role with 1 pupil being residential. Of these pupils 5 are Monmouthshire pupils.
- 2.3 The funding formula was last reviewed in 2015 this was following the reduction of the number of pupils on role at that time. At this time there were 42 pupils on role.

## **3. Proposal.**

- 3.1 The proposal is to change the formula to fund on a lower number of pupils to reflect the actual numbers on roll. This will equate to a reduction of £275,000.
- 3.2 Appendix 1 details the current and proposed funding, while the reduction has been assumed as a lump sum in emotional and behavioural difficulties, it will be the decision of the Governing Body as to where the savings are made. This is based on the funding for 2018-19.
- 3.3 The reduction in funding would not be redistributed to other schools it would be used as a saving to close the gap on the wider Monmouthshire County Council budget for 2019-20.
- 3.4 The local authority will work closely with the Governing Body to achieve the savings. All Monmouthshire policies will be followed and advice will be provided by employee services, finance and any other relevant officers.
- 3.5 The consultation closes noon on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019. The consultation questions are listed below and a proforma to respond is attached in appendix 2.
  - **Question 1 – Do you agree with the current proposal?**
  - **Question 2 – If you do not agree please provide details of how the saving of £275,000 should be made from school budgets.**