

# **Schools Forum**

## **24<sup>th</sup> October 2014**

### **AGENDA ITEM 4**

**Report Title:** Exceptions Applications to the Education Funding Agency  
**Meeting Date:** Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2014  
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## KIRKLEES COUNCIL [LOCAL AUTHORITY No. 382]

Reg 27 application to revise Kirklees' School Funding Scheme for the funding year 2015-16 in respect of the following factors...

### 1) Variation to the pupil numbers showing in the data set for a school undergoing a change in its age range

**Royds Hall Community School [School No: 382 4003, URN: 107755]** has recently changed its age range from an 11-16 High School to be able to also admit primary-age children. The school's primary provision will grow by one year group per year to eventually become an all-through school.

For the draft 2015-16 Funding Pro forma Return, permission is sought to add to the data set number on roll the number of children admitted this term to the school's new Reception Year (estimated in advance of the October 14 pupil census to be around 30 pupils) and to build in an estimate of the number of pupils who will be in the school's new Year 1 from September 2015. It is estimated, at this stage, that an addition of 47.5 pupils will be needed – 30 Reception pupils for the whole of 2015-16 and 30 Year 1 pupils for 7/12ths of the funding year.

For the final 2015-16 Funding Pro forma return to be submitted in January 2015, Royds Hall's new cohort of Reception children will naturally show up in the October 2014 data set. Permission is therefore sought to add to the new data set figure just the estimated number of children in the school's new Year 1 provision from September 2015.

### 2) Second year additional lump sum support for schools which amalgamated during Financial Year 2013-14

Permission is requested to apply a reduced proportion of additional lump sum support to amalgamated schools in the second year following the amalgamation. The methodology agreed with our Schools Forum would see the allocation of an amount equal to **70%** of the total lump sum value that would have been allocated to the previous number of separate schools. This percentage produces the same funding reduction between years as happened in the first year following the amalgamation (see the illustration below).

	<b>First year following the amalgamation</b>	<b>Second year following the amalgamation</b>
a. Original lump sum value	£260,000 [2 x £130,000]	£260,000 [2 x £130,000]
b. Percentage applied	85%	70%
a x b =	£221,000	£182,000
Less continuing lump sum	-(£130,000)	-(£130,000)
<b>Additional support amount</b>	<b>£91,000</b>	<b>£52,000</b>
Drop compared to previous year	-(£39,000)	-(£39,000)

There are two Kirklees schools which would receive the additional lump sum support amount of £52,000 in funding year 2015-16: -

**Westmoor Primary School [School No. 382 2023, URN: 107613]**

**Windmill C of E (VC) Primary School [School No. 382 2016, URN: 139912]**

Permission is also sought to extract the additional lump sum support allocations for both these schools from both the funding years compared in the 2015-16 Minimum Funding Guarantee calculation to ensure that the schools in question are not protected from the intended transitional reduction in funding. Similarly, for the purpose of the Minimum Funding Guarantee calculation, we would wish to exclude from the 2015-16 allocation any additional lump sum support provided to a school in its first funding year since amalgamation.