

NGA's response to the 'Fair school funding for all: completing our reforms to the National Funding Formula' consultation

The scope of the National Funding Formula

NGA supports the principle of a hard national funding formula, but we also recognise that the distribution of funding for some school-led factors relies upon local knowledge. We are therefore in favour of retaining local control over certain aspects of funding, at least until more is known about how the DfE would approach distributing funding appropriately between schools under a direct NFF. Linked to this is our support for schools' forums, the representative bodies in each local authority, continuing to have an important role advising DfE over their centralised funding model. Governor representatives make an immense contribution

Comments on how to reform premises funding during the transition to the directly applied NFF

This is a complex area and NGA is not in a position to provide detailed feedback. However, we think that NFF needs to be responsive to the diverse population in schools in England. Because the distribution of funding for some school-led elements such as premises are unique to their locality, we have reservations as to whether this can be reflected through a standardised formula.

Growth and falling rolls funding

We are unsure about the proposal to use national, standardised criteria to allocate all aspects of growth and falling rolls funding and whether local circumstances can be adequately reflected in a standardised criteria.

We do not agree with an approach that would see falling rolls funding provided only to schools with a good

