

# **Briefing for schools on government proposals for School Funding Reform Agenda**

- **Welcome**
- **Government proposals for School Funding Reform**
  - ◆ Government plans
  - ◆ Impact on Barnet schools
  - ◆ Possible areas of influence
  - ◆ Schedule for Barnet funding formula changes
- **Table discussions (key issues for schools)**
- **Round up and close**

## Key Points

- No change before April 2013
- Identical funding for schools and academies
- Primaries and secondaries protected by minimum funding guarantee (-1.5%)
- Simpler funding formula which will smooth out differences between schools
- Move away from targeting individual groups (of pupils or schools), eg EIC
- New way of funding high needs pupils

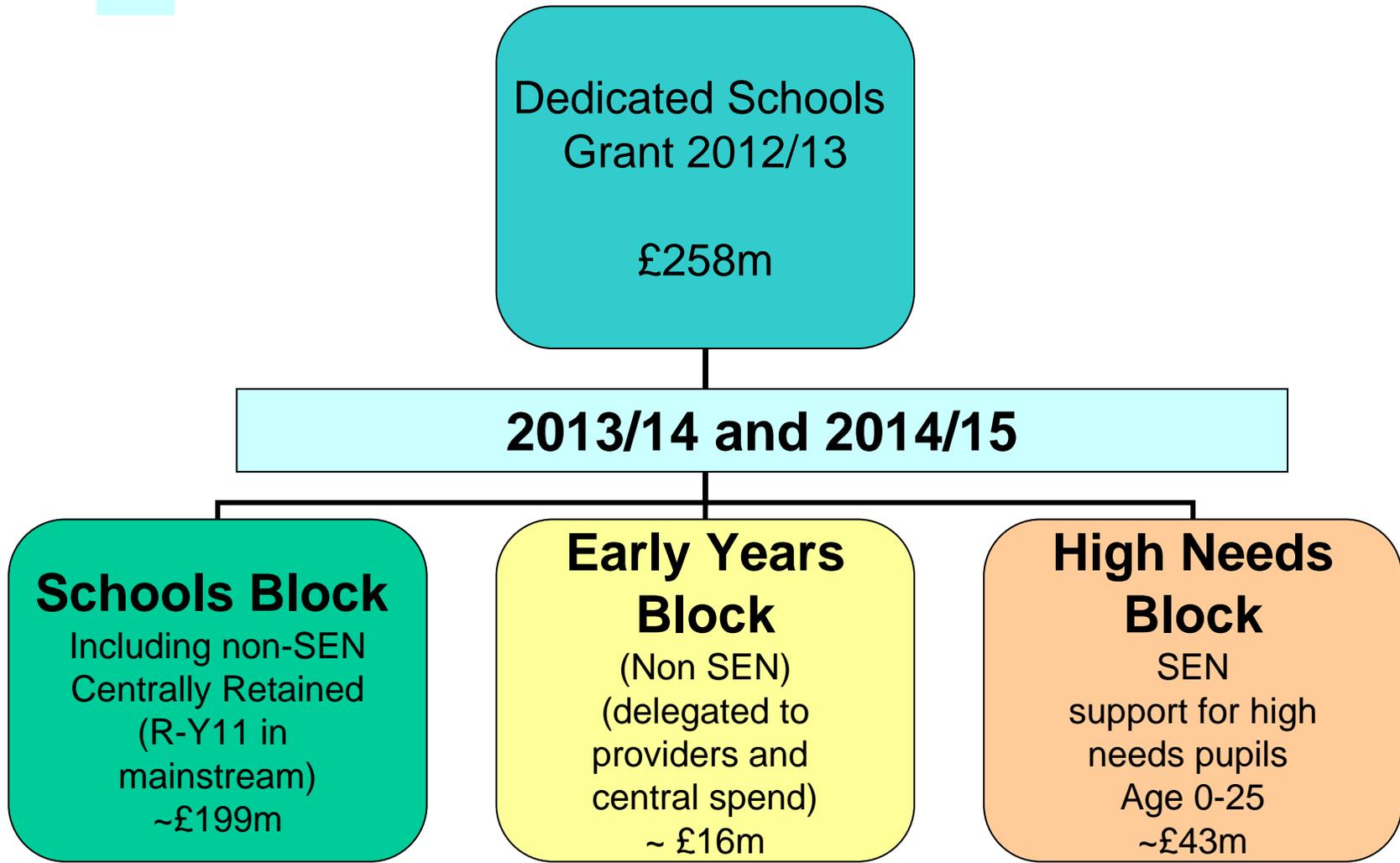
# Funding Agencies

- Young People's Learning Agency (YPLA) no longer exists
- Education Funding Agency (EFA) was created from 1<sup>st</sup> April
- EFA is a department of the DfE
- EFA funds
  - ◆ Local Authorities with DSG
  - ◆ Academies
  - ◆ Calculates 6<sup>th</sup> funding

# Government Vision 2013-15

- Two year transition period in preparation for National Funding Formula (2015?)
- Simpler, more consistent, more equitable formula
- Reduce complexities introduced by academy programme
- Funding following pupils with high needs
- All funding delegated to schools with de-delegation approved by Schools Forum

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# New School Formula 2013 - 15

Primary, Infant, Junior and Secondary Schools

- Minimum funding guarantee: -1.5%
- Same total amount distributed
- New simplified funding formula
  
- Plus
  - ◆ Top – ups for High Cost Pupils
  - ◆ Early Years single funding formula
  - ◆ Pupil Premium
  - ◆ 6<sup>th</sup> Form funding

## Allowed Formula Elements

- Lump sum
- AWP
- Additional Educational Need & Deprivation
  - ◆ Free School Meals
  - ◆ IDACI
  - ◆ Prior Attainment
  - ◆ EAL
- Rates & council tax
- Split Sites

**No other funding elements**

## Deleted Funding Elements

- Mobility
- Ethnic Minority Achievement
- Excellence in Clusters
- LIG
- EAL (after first 3 years)
- Every Child Counts
- KS1 prior attainment
- Internal areas
- External areas
- NQTs
- ASTs
- 6<sup>th</sup> form abatement
- Swimming pools
- Insurance

## High Needs Pupils

- Special schools and ARPs: £10K per place base funding
- PRUs: £8k per place (under consultation)
- Mainstream: first £10k of support from budget share
  - Number of places agreed between EFA, LA, and provider

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# High Needs Pupils

- Cost of provision for each high needs child negotiated between provider (school) and commissioner (child's LA)
- Commissioner responsible for paying top-up.
- Provider (school) collects the top-ups directly from the commissioner.
- Increased administration for high needs providers of all kinds.
- Schools protected by a minimum funding guarantee

# Can you make a difference?

- Responses to consultation
  - ◆ From Barnet
  - ◆ From groups of schools
  - ◆ From individual schools
- Mostly government 'firm intentions'
- Stress high impact areas, eg:
  - ◆ SEN administration
  - ◆ Targeting underachieving groups
  - ◆ Nursery school protection

# Timescales

## 1. Government consultation

- 1<sup>st</sup> May – Schools Forum
- 9<sup>th</sup> May – Briefings with schools
- 21<sup>st</sup> May – Submit LBB response

## 2. New funding formula consultation

- 12<sup>th</sup> June – Schools Forum
- 20<sup>th</sup> June to end of term – Consultation with schools
- 8<sup>th</sup> October – Schools Forum
- 31<sup>st</sup> October – Submit new formula to EFA

## 3. New funding allocations

- 4<sup>th</sup> October – School Census
- 4<sup>th</sup> December – Schools Forum (draft Schools Budget)
- 18<sup>th</sup> January 2013 – School budget shares released.