

To all Headteachers and Chair of Governors  
in Shropshire Schools

Shropshire Council  
Education Improvement Service  
The Shirehall  
Abbey Forgate  
Shrewsbury  
Shropshire  
SY2 6ND

Date: 20 September 2013

Dear Colleagues

**31222C - Consultation on School Funding Arrangements for Shropshire Schools for the Financial Year 2014-15**

In 2012 the Government started a process to reform the school funding system so that it is fairer, more consistent and transparent and so that funding intended for education reaches schools and the pupils that need it the most.

On 4 June 2013 the Department for Education (DfE) announced a number of changes to the school funding system in 2014-15. The changes arise from a review of the 2013-14 funding arrangements and whilst most of the arrangements put in place for 2013-14 will remain in place, the Government is making a number of changes in 2014-15 as they progress towards the introduction of a national funding formula from 2015-16.

This consultation seeks the views of school governors and headteachers of all Shropshire maintained schools and Academies on Shropshire's approach to implementing these latest funding reforms.

Shropshire Schools Forum considered the detail of the Government's reforms for 2014-15 and at their meeting on 12 September 2013 agreed a set of recommendations which form the basis of this consultation document.

Feedback from this consultation will inform the local authority's decision on the Shropshire schools' funding formula for 2014-15.

The latest reforms document '*School Funding Reform: Findings from the Review of 2013-14, Arrangements and Changes for 2014-15*' details the findings of the Government's review of the 2013-14 funding formula and their approach for 2014-15. The full document is available at

<http://www.education.gov.uk/schools/adminandfinance/financialmanagement/schoolsreviewof/a00221523/review-of-2013-14-school-funding-arrangements>

This consultation document provides a summary of these changes affecting the funding formula.

The consultation will run until **Friday 18 October 2013**. A consultation meeting has been arranged for Tuesday 15 October – 4.30 to 6.00 pm - at the Lord Hill Hotel in Shrewsbury. This meeting will provide an opportunity for headteachers and chairs of governors (or chairs of finance) to discuss in more detail the recommendations from Schools Forum on the proposed formula changes in 2014-15. It is important to understand that the meeting will not provide details on the impact of the reforms on individual schools from April 2014 as October 2013 census data – which drives the formula – will not be available from the Education Funding Agency (EFA) until 16 December 2013.

Please complete and return the attached booking form to notify us that you would like to attend the meeting. Note that we are restricting attendance to a maximum of two representatives per school. Parking is limited at The Lord Hill Hotel, so you may need to use the visitors car park at Shirehall or the overspill car park on London Road (see attached map).

All of these papers are being ported on the Shropshire Learning Gateway.

Yours sincerely

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Children's Services

**School Funding Reform Consultation for Headteachers and Chairs of Governors**

**Event Code 31222C**

**Tuesday 15 October 2013 – 4.30 to 6.00 pm – Lord Hill Hotel,  
Shrewsbury, SY2 6AX**

Please indicate who from your school will be attending the meeting, noting that we are restricting attendance to a maximum of two places per school:

	<b>Print name</b>
<b>Headteacher</b>	
<b>Governor</b>	
<b>School</b>	

**Please return this form to:**

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Or email your preference to [cpd@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:cpd@shropshire.gov.uk) quoting the event code: 31222C

Or fax to: 01743 254538

**Please return the form by no later than Friday 11 October 2013**