

Funding rates 2018/19

Schools will be allocated the following amount per pupil for those who meet the criteria for funding:

Primary: £517

Secondary: £1390

How to find funding for your school

School's funding is public information and can be found on the DfE website. This is usually updated in December.

Funding for 2018/19 can be found in the '**2018 to 2019 funding for schools and academies at provider level**' by following this link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/schools-block-funding-allocations-2018-to-2019>

Access to Education/PSS: for further guidance and support:
accessstoeducation.birmingham.gov.uk/index.php/PSS/eal.html

Understanding funding for EAL in Birmingham

Funding for EAL in Birmingham is based on the following factors:

Pupils who are identified on the Autumn Term School Census return as having any language other than English, or believed to be English, recorded as their first language.

and

The pupil's UPN number identifies them as being in their first three years of education within England.

Schools **do not** need to apply for this funding separately as it is calculated on the basis of the school's census return.

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When considering funding for EAL schools should be aware of the following:

When completing the census return, schools need to ensure that when they record the pupil's first language they are considering the following definition:

“Where a pupil's first language is other than English - that is: where the pupil has been exposed to a language other than English during early development and continues to be exposed to this language in the home or in the community”

School census 2018 to 2019 Guide, version 1.6 October 2018
5.3.3 (page 60)

If funding is spent on adult support then the EAL Co-ordinator or leadership should be able to provide evidence of how these adults are used to support EAL pupils and the impact of the support in place.

Resources purchased should have an evidence base to demonstrate expected impact.

Funding is provided for the first three years of pupils being educated in England. This does not only apply to pupils who are newly arrived to the country. Children born in England but who are exposed to other languages in the home and who are in their first three years at school are also eligible for this funding.

It is therefore key to understand that these pupils may not be in the early acquisition stages of learning English and so the full profile of proficiency in English of EAL should be considered when planning provision.

Although there is no direct accountability currently attached to this funding stream, Ofsted may ask about how funding is spent to support vulnerable groups and funding for EAL could be referred to as part of this conversation.