

**Better Bilingual Update on
Central UK Government Funding for EAL:
2021 - 2022**

Excerpts taken from: Education & Skills Funding Agency - Schools block funding formulae 2021 to 2022 – Guidance - Published 17 June 2021

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/schools-block-funding-formulae-2021-to-2022/schools-block-funding-formulae-2021-to-2022>



Guidance
Schools block funding formulae 2021 to 2022
Published 17 June 2021

1. Summary

This guidance provides a summary of the local funding formulae submitted by each local authority to the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) in January 2021. The local formulae specify how each local authority has allocated their dedicated schools grant (DSG) schools block funding for 2021 to 2022. It provides charts and brief commentary on the ranges of unit funding amounts authorities have selected in 2021 to 2022, and the proportions of schools block funding distributed under each of the permitted factors.

6. English as an additional language (EAL)

In 2021 to 2022 EAL was used by all but 2 local authorities, the same as in 2020 to 2021. Local authorities can choose one of 3 indicators for this factor: the number of pupils with EAL who entered the compulsory school system in either the last 1, 2 or 3 years. The NFF allocates funding to EAL pupils entering the compulsory school system in the last 3 years. Of the 150 local authorities including the factor, 143 have used the same criteria as the NFF: an increase from 139 in 2020 to 2021.

The distribution of the EAL rates for both primary and secondary pupils shows further movement towards the NFF values of £550 and £1,485. For the primary indicator 92% of local authorities are allocating between £500 and £750 per pupil. For the secondary indicator 64% are allocating between £1,250 and £1,500 per pupil. There are 119 local authorities mirroring the NFF value for EAL (120 have selected a value within 1% of the NFF primary EAL value of £550 and 121 have selected a value within 1% of the NFF secondary EAL value of £1,485).

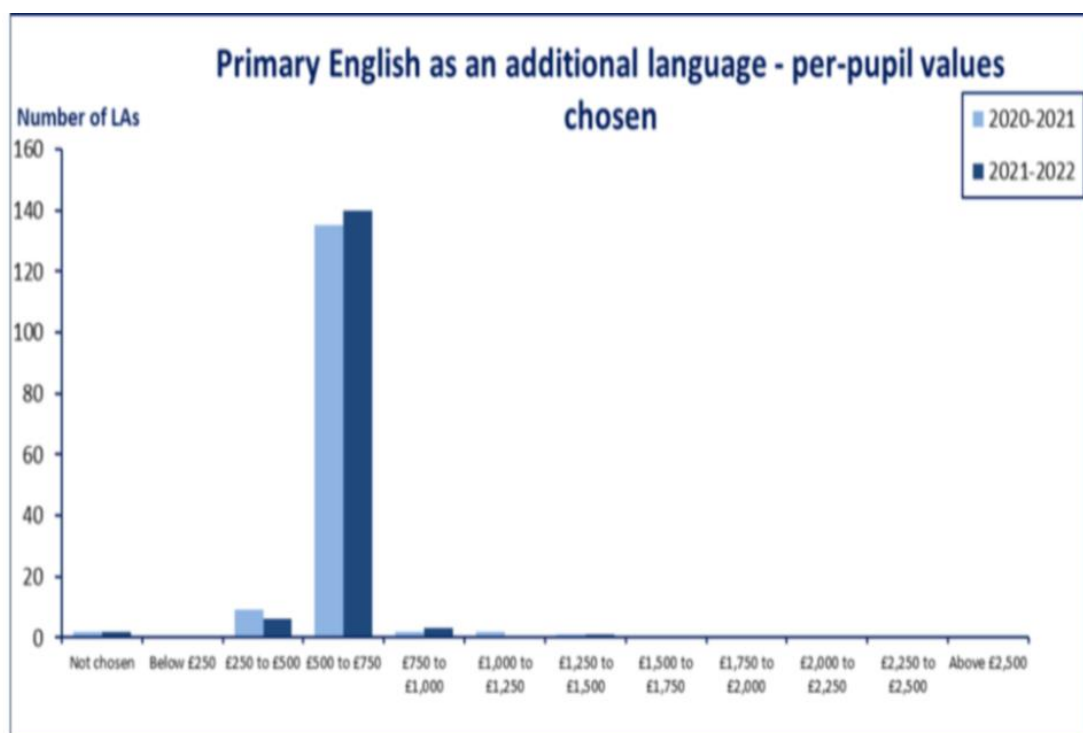


Figure 14: primary English as an additional language (EAL) factor per-pupil values chosen

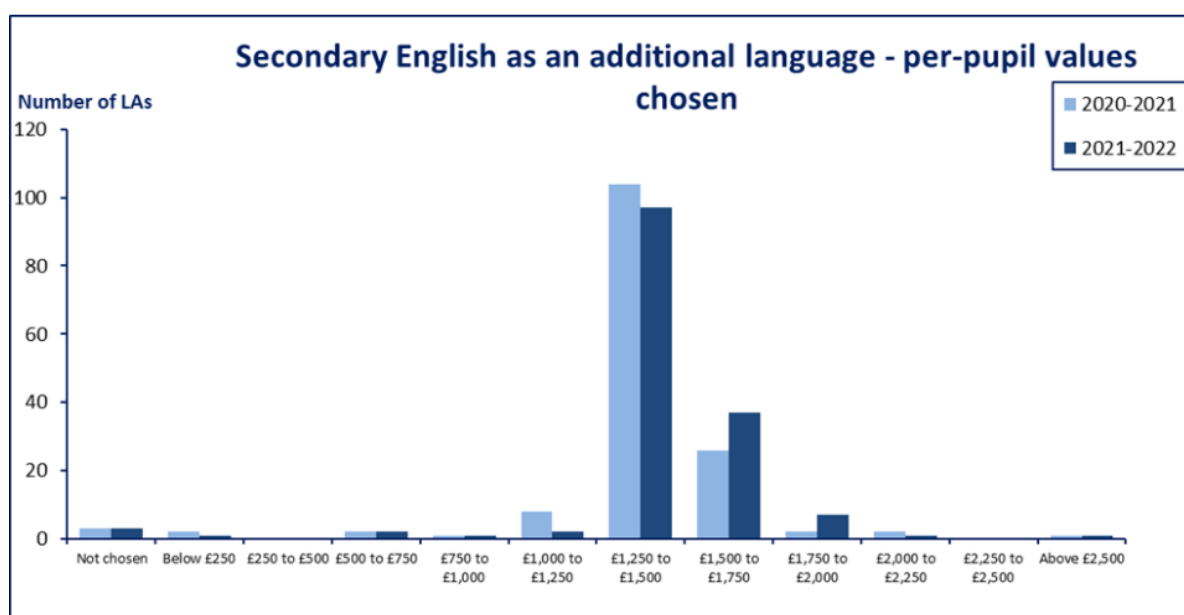


Figure 15: secondary English as an additional language (EAL) factor per-pupil values chosen

Fewer pupils attract funding through the EAL factor than through many other factors. Across all local authorities, just 1% of funding is allocated through this factor, a decrease from 1.1% in 2020 to 2021.