

1. Socio-Economic Need (Social Deprivation) Allocation

This allocation is given in recognition that some schools serve a more economically deprived sector of the community, resulting in a larger incidence of social and educational difficulties across a school as a whole.

The allocation is in two parts.

a. Weighted free school meal eligibility

The allocation is based upon a three year rolling average of the number of pupils on the school roll (PLASC figures) entitled to free school meals. For 2005/06, the three year rolling average comprises January 2003, January 2004 and January 2005 FSM figures.

The number of pupils is weighted to reflect the percentage of free school meals pupils (FSMP) in the school as a whole (excluding nursery pupil numbers) in accordance with the following table:

% FSMP	Weighting
0-4.999	0
5-9.999	1
10-14.999	2
15-19.999	3
20-22.499	4
22.5-24.999	4.5
25-27.499	5
27.5-29.999	5.5
30-31.2499	6
31.25-32.499	6.25
32.5-33.7499	6.5
33.75-34.999	6.75
35-36.2499	7
36.25-37.499	7.25
37.5-38.7499	7.5
38.75-39.999	7.75
40-41.2499	8
41.25-42.499	8.25
42.5-43.7499	8.5
43.75-44.999	8.75
45-46.2499	9
46.25-47.499	9.25
47.5-48.7499	9.5
48.75-49.999	9.75
50+	10

Each financial year a "Resource Unit for Socio-Economic Need" will be defined. A school will, from the number and percentage of pupils entitled to free school meals, be able to calculate its additional funding.

b. Unweighted free school meal eligibility

The allocation is based upon a three year rolling average of the number of pupils on the school roll (PLASC figures) entitled to free school meals. For 2005/06, the three year rolling average comprises January 2003, January 2004 and January 2005 FSM figures.