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## **Headteacher Briefing**

Please find attached the latest Headteacher Briefing.

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## **PM guarantees minimum funding levels for all schools**

Every secondary school has been guaranteed at least £5,000 per pupil next year, and every primary school at least £3,750 per pupil, thanks to new legislation laid in Parliament today (30 January).

Local authorities will now be required by law to make sure every school receives the full amount of the minimum levels of funding pledged for each pupil, as set out by the Prime Minister during his first 100 days in office. Funding per pupil for primary schools will rise to £4,000 the following year.

Previously, local authorities were not required to allocate the money for schools in this way - with many schools across the country falling below the minimum levels of funding for each pupil.

These new regulations mean that all local authorities will now have to pass on the required levels of funding to every school in their area, which will help make sure that no school loses out simply because of their location or historic local rules.

This forms part of the government's £14 billion boost to education in England over the next three years – ensuring that all young people receive an excellent education, regardless of where they grow up or go to school.

To read more please click [here](#).

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## **ESFA Update academies: 29 January 2020**

Click [here](#) to see the latest ESFA Update for academies:

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## **Ofsted News January 2020**

Click [here](#) to read the January edition of Ofsted News

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## **Multiplication tables check: development update**

From the 2019/20 academic year onwards, all state-funded maintained schools and academies (including free schools) in England are required to administer the online MTC to year 4 pupils.

To read more click [here](#).

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## **Local authority interactive tool (LAIT)**

Click [here](#) to access the latest interactive spreadsheet for comparing data about children and young people across all local authorities in England.

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## Removal of the outstanding exemption - Government Consultation

This consultation document seeks views on the exemption from routine inspection that applies to some outstanding schools, colleges and other organisations delivering publicly-funded education and training.

To read more and take part in the consultation please click [here](#).

### Who this is for

- Head teachers, teachers and governing boards<sup>1</sup> in maintained nursery schools, maintained schools and academy trusts, including nursery schools, infant schools or first schools, middle schools, junior schools, special schools, Pupil Referral Units (PRUs), studio schools, UTCs, City Technology Colleges, City Colleges for the Technology of the Arts and free schools.
- Principals/ CEOs, their staff and those responsible for governance in General FE colleges, Sixth Form colleges, designated institutions, 16 – 19 academies, independent learning providers (including employer providers), not for profit providers, independent specialist colleges, Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) delivering FE or apprenticeships and local authority providers.
- Local authorities
- Dioceses and other religious authorities
- Parents
- Students
- Employers
- Any other interested individuals or organisations

### Questions for Governors to ask:

Governors and trustees should access the consultation and are strongly advised to respond individually or as a governing body. Governing bodies in currently exempt schools may also want to reflect on the following questions:

- How do we ensure that governance, as part of leadership & management, will be outstanding in 2020?
- Have we learned from inspections already undertaken of how schools, including governance, are questioned by inspectors?
- Is our overview of governance in 2020 robust and fit for purpose against current expectations?

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## Pupil premium

Publicly-funded schools in England get extra funding from the government to help them improve the attainment of their disadvantaged pupils.

Evidence shows that children from disadvantaged backgrounds:

- generally face extra challenges in reaching their potential at school
- often do not perform as well as their peers

The pupil premium grant is designed to allow schools to help disadvantaged pupils by improving their progress and the exam results they achieve.

Click [here](#) to read more and find links to other helpful websites.

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