



# St Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic High School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

You may have heard and read in the press recently about the adverse effects the National Funding Formula will have on school budgets. Like all Wigan secondary schools, our school faces a significant reduction in funding and all Headteachers in the local authority have written to the government to stress the negative impact this new funding arrangement will have.

Please find attached a letter from the Chair of the Wigan Schools Forum outlining the detail of the real term cuts we face as a school and as a borough and I would urge you to follow the advice contained in the letter to ask the government to change its mind by responding to the consultation by 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2017.

National funding formula consultation: Impact of the proposed schools NFF

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Explanation

The government is consulting on proposals for a new national funding formula for schools. The current funding system does not support our aspiration that all children reach their full potential and succeed in adult life. Similar local areas and similar schools receive very different levels of funding, with little or no justification. The consultation will run until Wednesday 22 March 2017. You can find the consultation documents at:

<https://consult.education.gov.uk/funding-policy-unit/schools-national-funding-formula2>

As part of the consultation, the government is publishing illustrative funding allocations for schools and local authorities under the proposed formula. On this page, you can look up an individual school and see the impact of the proposed formula on their core funding.

To find a school, first select the local authority area from this drop down menu:

Wigan

Next, select the school's name from this drop down menu, which includes the mainstream schools in the LA area:

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Please note, this does not include: (1) schools that are new and are still filling up; (2) special schools, pupil referral units and other alternative provision – which are funded in a different way; (3) nursery schools and sixth form colleges – which are funded through other routes. Please see notes below for further details.

### Illustrative impact of the proposed NFF for the selected school

Baseline funding	£5,818,000	This is the core funding the school received in 2016-17 (or 2016/17) through the schools block and MFG.
Illustrative NFF funding	£5,646,000	This is an illustration of the funding the school would receive if the NFF had been implemented in full and without transitional protection in 2016-17. To work this out, we have used school and pupil characteristics data from 2016-17.
Percentage change	-2.9%	This is the difference between illustrative NFF funding and baseline funding, in percentage terms.
Illustrative NFF funding in the first year of transition	£5,732,000	This is an illustration of the amount of funding that the Department would allocate to the relevant local authority in respect of this school in the first year of transition towards the NFF. In NFF year 1, local authorities will continue to be responsible for determining funding allocations locally.
Percentage change in the first year of transition	-1.5%	The percentage difference between illustrative NFF funding in year 1 and the funding baseline.

If you have any questions regarding the implications the National Funding Formula will have on our school I am very happy to discuss them with you.

Yours sincerely,

Mr M Dumican  
Headteacher

