**Planned Timetable for the Publication of Budgets for Maintained Schools for 2021/22**

The **planned \*** timetable for the publication of budgets for maintained schools for 2021/22 is:

* The October Census will be collected on the **1 October 2020**

**\*\*\* DATA COLLECTED IN THIS OCTOBER CENSUS WILL BE PROVIDED TO THE LOCAL AUTHORITY AND WILL BE USED TO CALCULATE THE MAIN FORMULA FUNDING ALLOCATIONS FOR PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS FOR THE 2021/22 FINANCIAL YEAR \*\*\***

* Consultations on our formula funding arrangements for 2021/22 will be published in / from October 2020. Please look out on Bradford Schools Online for these.
* The ESFA will provide the pupil numbers and dataset from the October Census to be used in calculating 2021/22 formula funding allocations in **mid-December 2020**.
* The Schools Forum will meet between December and January to make its final recommendations on formula funding for 2021/22. The timetable of dates for the Schools Forum meetings for the 2020/21 academic year is available [here](https://bso.bradford.gov.uk/content/bradford-schools-forum-agendas-reports-and-minutes-of-meetings) and also [here](https://bradford.moderngov.co.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=160)
* The January Census will be collected on the **21 January 2021**.

(**Data collected in the January 2021 Census will be used to determine Pupil Premium and final 2020/21 academic year Universal Infant FSM allocations, as well as Spring Term Early Years funding for the 2020/21 financial year).**

* Final Section 251 Budgets for Primary schools for 2021/22, including the 1st Draft Indicative EYSFF for schools with nursery classes, will be published towards the end of the week commencing **15 February 2021; most likely on Friday 19 February** (following the Council meeting scheduled for 18 February).
* Final Section 251 Budgets for Secondary schools for 2021/22, including an estimate of Post-16 funding\*\*, will be published towards the end of the week commencing **15 February 2021**; **most likely on Friday 19 February** (following the Council meeting scheduled for 18 February).
* 1st Draft Indicative Budgets for Nursery schools, and a ready reckoner for PVI providers, for 2021/22 will be published towards the end of the week commencing **15 February 2021**; **most likely on Friday 19 February** (following the Council meeting scheduled for 18 February).
* Confirmed Indicative Early Years funding for maintained providers for 2021/22 will be published in the week commencing **8 March 2021**.
* High Needs providers (Special schools and PRUs) will have sight of their new financial year allocations at the end of March 2021, with the publication of the ready reckoner. 2021/22 allocations will begin to be confirmed from April 2021, following the 10 April census.

\* *This timetable is subject to change. Where the timetable has to change, we will notify schools via ‘*[*latest news and updates*](https://bso.bradford.gov.uk/Schools/CMSPage.aspx?mid=1780)*’ on Bradford Schools Online (BSO).*

**\*\****If 2021/22 Post-16 funding allocations calculated by the ESFA are not confirmed in time for our February publication timetable (typically they are not confirmed until March), an estimate of Post-16 funding for 2021/22 will be calculated by the Authority and included in the Final S251 Budgets for secondary schools.*