**Planned Timetable for the Publication of Budgets for Maintained Schools for 2024/25**

The **planned \*** timetable for the publication of budgets for maintained schools for 2024/25 is:

* The October Census will be collected on the **5 October 2023**

**\*\*\* DATA COLLECTED IN THE OCTOBER CENSUS WILL BE USED TO CALCULATE THE CORE FORMULA FUNDING ALLOCATIONS THAT MAINSTREAM PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS WILL RECEIVE FOR THE 2024/25 FINANCIAL YEAR. OCTOBER CENSUS DATA WILL ALSO BE USED BY THE DFE TO CALCULATE OTHER GRANTS, INCLUDING THE PUPIL PREMIUM GRANT AND THE UNIVERSAL INFANT FSM GRANT \*\*\***

* Consultations on our formula funding arrangements for 2024/25 will be published in / from October 2023. 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 2024/25 formula funding allocations in **mid-December 2023**.
* The Schools Forum will meet between December and January to make its final recommendations on formula funding for 2024/25. The timetable of dates for the Schools Forum meetings for the 2023/24 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 **18 January 2024**.

(**Data collected in the January 2024 Census will be used to determine final 2023/24 academic year Universal Infant FSM allocations, as well as Spring Term Early Years Entitlement funding for the 2023/24 financial year).**

* Final Section 251 Budgets for Primary schools for 2024/25, including the 1st Draft Indicative EYSFF for schools with nursery classes, will be published towards the end of the week commencing **19 February 2024; most likely on Friday 23 February** (following the Council meeting scheduled for 22 February).
* Final Section 251 Budgets for Secondary schools for 2024/25, including an estimate of Post-16 funding\*\*, will be published towards the end of the week commencing **19 February 2024; most likely on Friday 23 February** (following the Council meeting scheduled for 22 February).
* 1st Draft Indicative Budgets for Nursery schools, and a ready reckoner for PVI providers, for 2024/25 will be published towards the end of the week commencing **19 February 2024; most likely on Friday 23 February** (following the Council meeting scheduled for 22 February).
* Confirmed Indicative Early Years funding for maintained providers for 2023/24 will be published in the week commencing **11 March 2024**.
* High Needs providers (Special schools / academies and PRUs / Alternative Provision Academies) will have full sight of their new financial year allocations mid-March 2024, with the publication of the ready reckoner. 2024/25 allocations will begin to be confirmed from April 2024, following the 10 April census. Earlier confirmation of place element funding will be published towards the end of the week commencing **19 February 2024; most likely on Friday 23 February** (following the Council meeting scheduled for 22 February).

\* *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 2024/25 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 2024/25 will be calculated by the Authority and included in the Final S251 Budgets for secondary schools.*