**Planned Timetable for the Publication of Budgets for Schools for 2016/17**

The **planned \*** timetable for the publication of budgets for schools for 2016/17 is:

* October Census will be collected on the **1 October 2015**

**\*\*\* DATA COLLECTED IN THE OCTOBER CENSUS WILL BE PROVIDED TO THE LA AND WILL BE USED IN CALCULATING FORMULA FUNDING ALLOCATIONS FOR PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS (not including Early Years) \*\*\***

* The deadline for the submission of the formula pro-forma to the Education Funding Agency (EFA) for checking is the **30 October 2015.** This will confirm the structure of our funding formula for 2016/17.
* The EFA will provide the pupil numbers and dataset from the October Census to be used in calculating 2015/16 formula funding allocations in mid**-December 2015**.
* The Schools Forum will meet between December and January to make final recommendations on formula funding for 2016/17; at this point changes can only be made to factor values and values of de-delegated items, not to the structure of the formula. The timetable of dates for the Schools Forum meetings for the 2015/16 academic year is available on the [Council's Committee Minutes website](http://councilminutes.bradford.gov.uk/wps/portal/!ut/p/c5/hY_NUoMwAISfpQ_QSUhogCMQ5KepglRouXQo1sgQkqogP09fHC9e1N3jzs5-CwqwWJafNS-7WslSgAMoyIn5dpRB7BFsxhYMjf2WYZsg6KMlP5IT_EU2_KcdgYILdV52clo1I1U2px59_JgdKIIzih5Cv_YiVyXeLhDrVhpT7DSwSvCRK9rKvSLa-zDDKtWf07s3S-).
* January Census will be collected on the **21 January 2016**.

(Data collected in the **January Census** will be used to determine **Pupil Premium** allocations, and the **Spring Term Early Years funding in 2015/16 and the estimate of Spring Term Early Years funding in 2016/17.**

* The deadline for the submission of the final formula pro-forma to the EFA, including factor values, is the **21 January 2016**.
* Final Section 251 Budgets for Primary schools for 2016/17, including the 1st Draft Indicative EYSFF for schools with nursery classes will be published in the week commencing **22 February 2016** (subject to EFA approval of our final formula pro-forma).
* Final Section 251 Budgets for Secondary schools for 2016/17, including an estimate of Post-16 funding\*\*, will be published in the week commencing **22 February 2016** (subject to EFA approval of our final formula pro-forma).
* 1st Draft Indicative Budgets for Nursery schools and PVI providers for 2016/17 will be published in the week commencing **22 February 2016**.
* Confirmed Indicative Early Years funding for maintained and PVI providers for 2016/17 will be published in the week commencing **14 March 2016**. This gives schools with nursery provision about 3 weeks to check and amend (where required) the data used to calculate their 1st Draft Indicative EYSFF.

If you have any queries on the school budget timetable, please contact [Sarah North](mailto:sarah.north@bradford.gov.uk?subject=Budget%20Timetable)

Please note that the **2016/17 HCSS Budgeting Software** release is planned for the end of February 2016, shortly after the first publication of budget statements.

\* *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).*

**\*\****In the absence of any estimates of 2016/17 Post-16 funding provided by the EFA, an estimate of Post-16 funding for 2016/17 will be calculated and included in the Final S251 Budgets for secondary schools.*