**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/%21ut/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

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.*