**Planned Timetable for the Publication of Budgets for Maintained Schools for 2017/18**

The **planned\*** timetable for the publication of budgets for maintained schools for 2017/18 is:

* The October Census will be collected on the **6 October 2016**

**\*\*\* 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 2017/18 FINANCIAL YEAR \*\*\***

* The EFA will provide the pupil numbers and dataset from the October Census to be used in calculating 2017/18 formula funding allocations in mid**-December 2016**.
* The Schools Forum will meet between December and January to make final recommendations on formula funding for 2017/18; 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 2016/17 academic year is available on the [Council's Committee Minutes website](http://democracy.bradford.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CId=160&Year=0).
* January Census will be collected on the **19 January 2017**.

(Data collected in the **January 2017 Census** will be used to determine **Pupil Premium and final 2016/17 academic year Universal Infant FSM** allocations, as well as **Spring Term Early Years funding for the 2016/17 financial year).**

* Final Section 251 Budgets for Primary schools for 2017/18, including the 1st Draft Indicative EYSFF for schools with nursery classes, will be published on **Friday 24 February 2017**, once the overall budget has been agreed at full Council (23/02/17).
* Final Section 251 Budgets for Secondary schools for 2017/18, including an estimate of Post-16 funding\*\*, will be published on **Friday 24 February 2017**, once the overall budget has been agreed at full Council (23/02/17).
* 1st Draft Indicative Budgets for Nursery schools and PVI providers for 2017/18 will be published on **Friday 24 February 2017**, once the overall budget has been agreed at full Council (23/02/17).
* Confirmed Indicative Early Years funding for maintained and PVI providers for 2017/18 will be published in the week commencing **13 March 2017**. 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.
* High Needs providers (Special schools and PRUs) will have sight of their new financial year allocations at the end of March 2017, with the publication of the ready reckoner. 2017/18 allocations will begin to be confirmed from April 2017, following the 10 April count.

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 **2017/18 HCSS Budgeting Software** release is planned for the end of February 2017, 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 2017/18 Post-16 funding provided by the EFA, an estimate of Post-16 funding for 2017/18 will be calculated and included in the Final S251 Budgets for secondary schools.*