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1. Reminder: local authorities to submit 16 to 19 grant return by 30 April

Local authorities are reminded to upload their 16 to 19 stage 1 grant return for 2016 to 2017. The chief financial officer must sign the uploaded grant return. [Guidance on the 16 to 19 grant return is available](#) on GOV.UK.

Local authorities are no longer required to submit an EFA local authority grant return for the annual stage 1 return in April.

2. Information: funding guidance for young people aged 16 to 19 in 2017 to 2018

We've published 2 key elements of the funding guidance for young people aged 16 to 19 for the 2017 to 2018 academic year. These are:

- [Funding regulations](#)
- [Funding rates and formula](#)

There are some changes and clarifications in both documents from the previous year's guidance. These include:

- revisions to the sections on student numbers and area cost uplift factors in the funding rates and formula guidance
- more detail on how we calculate lagged student numbers for different types of institutions
- an explanation on when we use weighted averages for the area cost uplift factor, and when we will review the funding factors for existing and merging institutions

An [overview of ESFA post-16 funding](#) that may help institution staff and governors new to the further education sector is also available.

3. Information: 2017 to 2018 mainstream school funding formulae published

We've published a [dataset showing local authorities' formulae](#) for allocating dedicated schools grant (DSG) schools block funding. This is for the allocation of DSG funding for 2017 to 2018 to mainstream schools and academies in local authority areas.

These formulae determine school budget share funding for:

- mainstream maintained schools for the 2017 to 2018 financial year
- academies for the 2017 to 2018 academic year

We've also published [schools block funding formulae guidance](#) providing further information and brief commentary.

4. Information: fraudulent communications claiming to be from ESFA

We've been made aware of an individual claiming to work for ESFA who is contacting academies to ask for details about the academy trust they are part of.

If you receive a call which you believe may be fraudulent, hang up the phone immediately and [contact our enquiry service](#).

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