

# Result of RBWM 2014-15 mainstream pre 16 school funding formula consultation

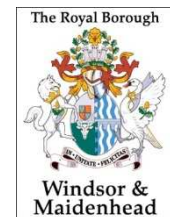
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# 2014-15 – “continuation of the journey towards a national funding formula”

Key principles remain in place:

- simplified formula
- limited set of factors
- LA proforma submissions in October and January
- high needs system remains as in 13-14
- changes for 14-15 are relatively minor
- MFG continues at -1.5% per pupil



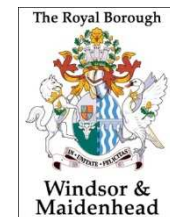
# Allowable factors in 2014-15 and main changes (1)

Formula factors – pupil led	2014-15 changes	RBWM formula
1. Basic entitlement (AWPU) (mandatory)	Same as 2013-14, but now with minimum values: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– £2,000 for primary</li> <li>– £3,000 for secondary</li> </ul>	✓
2. Deprivation (mandatory)	No change	✓
3. Low prior attainment (LCHI SEN)	<p>Primary – for 2013 cohort, pupils not achieving good level of development in assessments; for older pupils same as 2013-14 (achieving &lt;73/78 points)</p> <p>Secondary - pupils not achieving level 4 in English <u>OR</u> Maths at KS2, (was English <u>AND</u> Maths)</p>	<p>October data will include updated dataset</p> <p>Addressed in RBWM consultation</p>



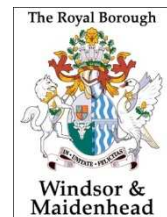
# Allowable factors in 2014-15 and main changes (2)

Formula factors – pupil led	2014-15 changes	RBWM formula
4. Children in Care	Now only one indicator allowed – all children in care at 31 Mar 2013, regardless of how long they have been looked after	Factor not used in 2013-14.
5. English as additional language	No change	No change
6. Pupil mobility	New 10% threshold	Not used
Proportion allocated through pupil-led factors	New 80% criterion	✓
No constraints on primary / secondary ratio	No change	



# Allowable factors in 2014-15 and main changes (3)

Formula factors – pupil led	2014-15 changes	RBWM formula
7. Sparsity	New factor	Not applicable
8. Lump sum	Differential lump sum for primary and secondary now allowed, maximum £175k	Adressed in RBWM consultation
9. Split sites	No change	Not applicable
10. Rates	No change	No change
11. PFI	No change	Not applicable
12. London Fringe	No change	Not applicable
13. Post 16	No change	Not applicable
14. Exceptional premises factors	No change	Not applicable

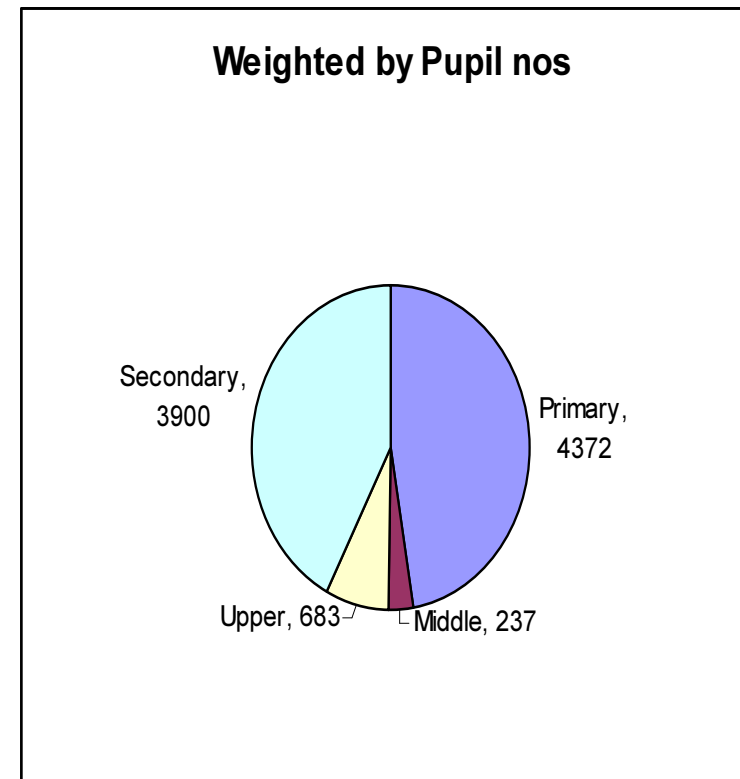
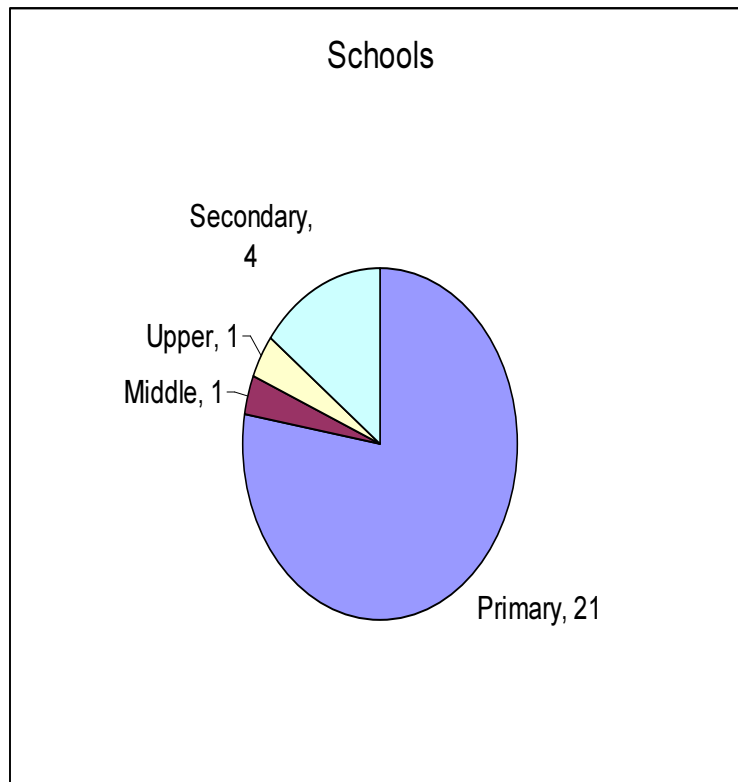


# Background to RBWM school funding consultation 2014-15

- ensure compliance with DfE mandatory changes
- comparison of RBWM 2013-14 formula with national picture
- proposals for change discussed with SF
  - deprivation
  - low prior attainment / SEN
  - lump sum
  - children in care
- working group set up



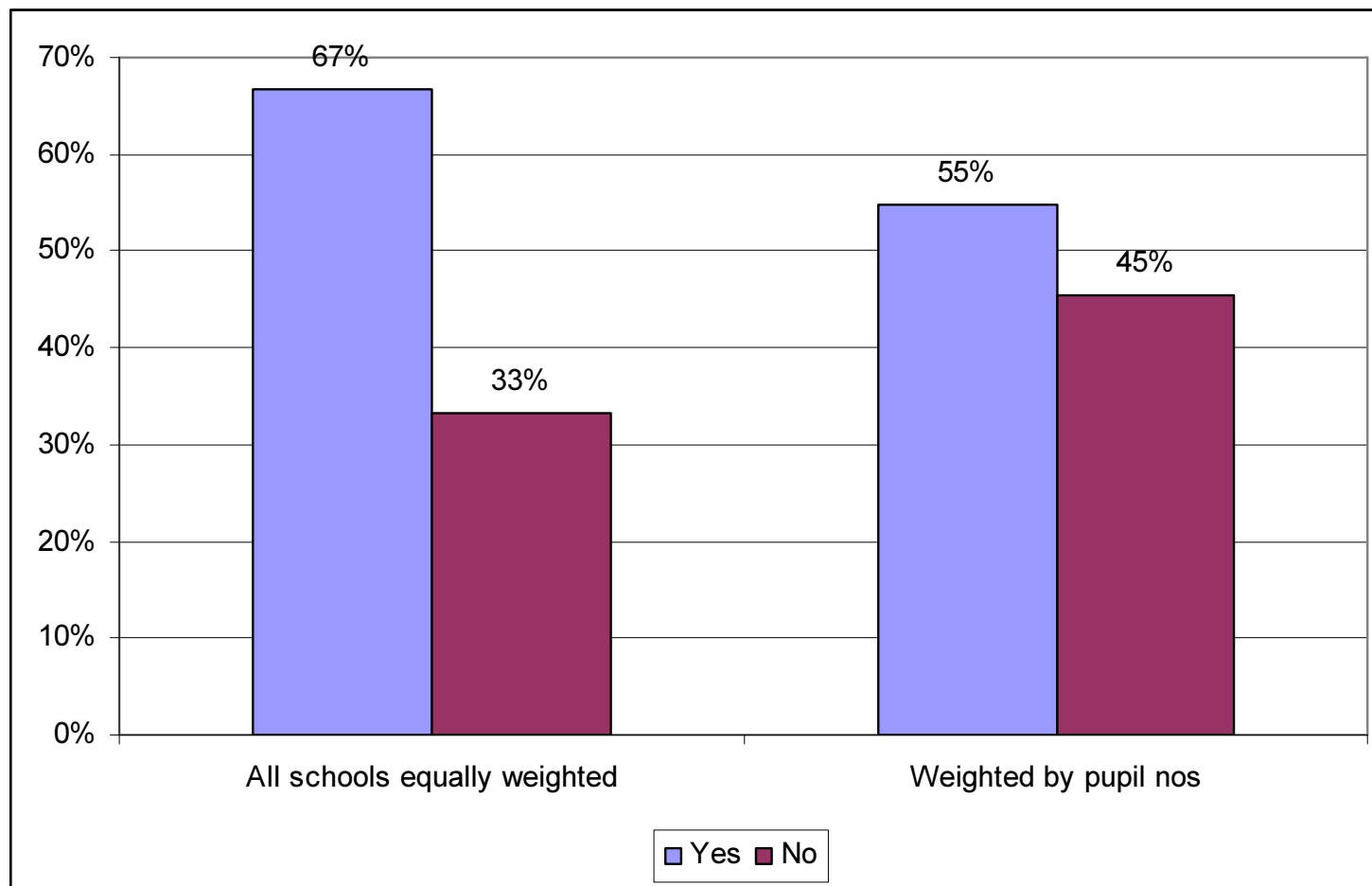
# Number of responses



27 responses (44% of schools)

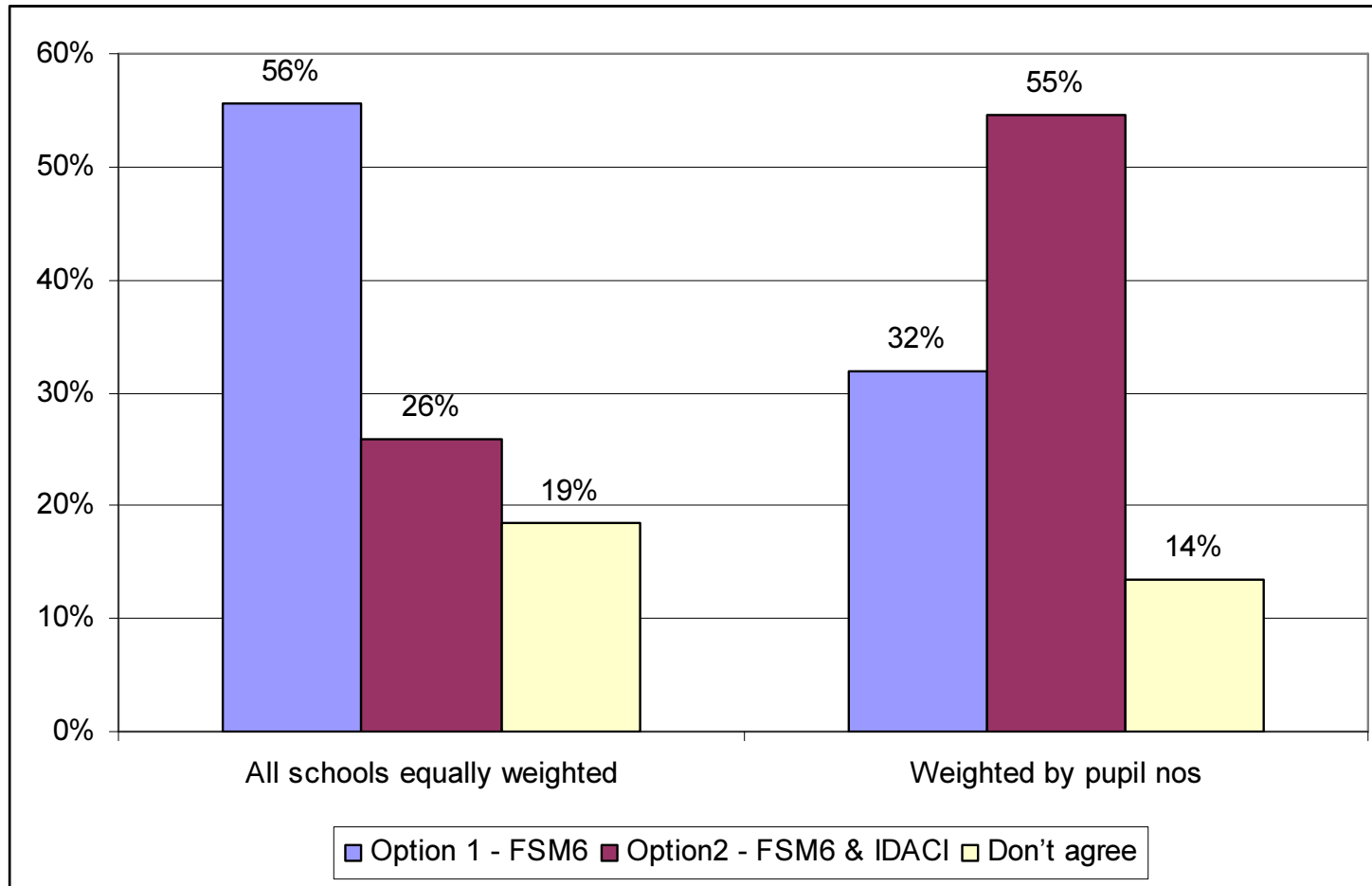
52% of pupil population (YR to Y13)

## Q1. Do you agree with the principle of increasing funding through deprivation, and funding this increase by a reduction in AWPU?





**Q2. Should the additional funding be allocated as an increase to FSM6 rate only (option 1) or as an increase to FSM6 and IDACI flat rate (option 2)?**



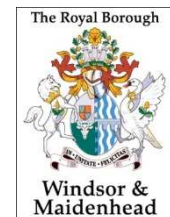
## Deprivation - comments

- Some schools are unconvinced that more funding for deprivation is needed because:
  - RBWM has low number of deprived families
  - Pupil Premium–FSM6 already funds this group of pupils and the amount is set to increase further
- FSM6 on its own is not seen as a good measure of deprivation
- Concern among infant schools that their pupils don't have a 6 year history
- No option to disagree



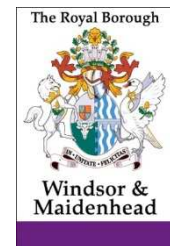
## Low prior attainment / LCHI SEN

- DfE change to secondary LPA indicator required reduction in unit rate to ensure total allocation remains the same
  - 2013-14: £3,978 x 658 eligible pupils = £2.619m
  - 2014-15: £1,504 x 1,742 eligible pupils = £2.619m
- Similar rate change may be necessary for primary



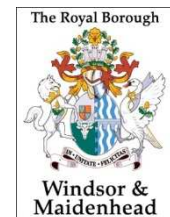
## Low prior attainment / LCHI SEN - comments

- Change to secondary LPA indicator is a requirement of the DfE – this was not fully understood
- Purely down to the change in criteria, not more pupils in need
- Concern that proposal is not fit for three tier system

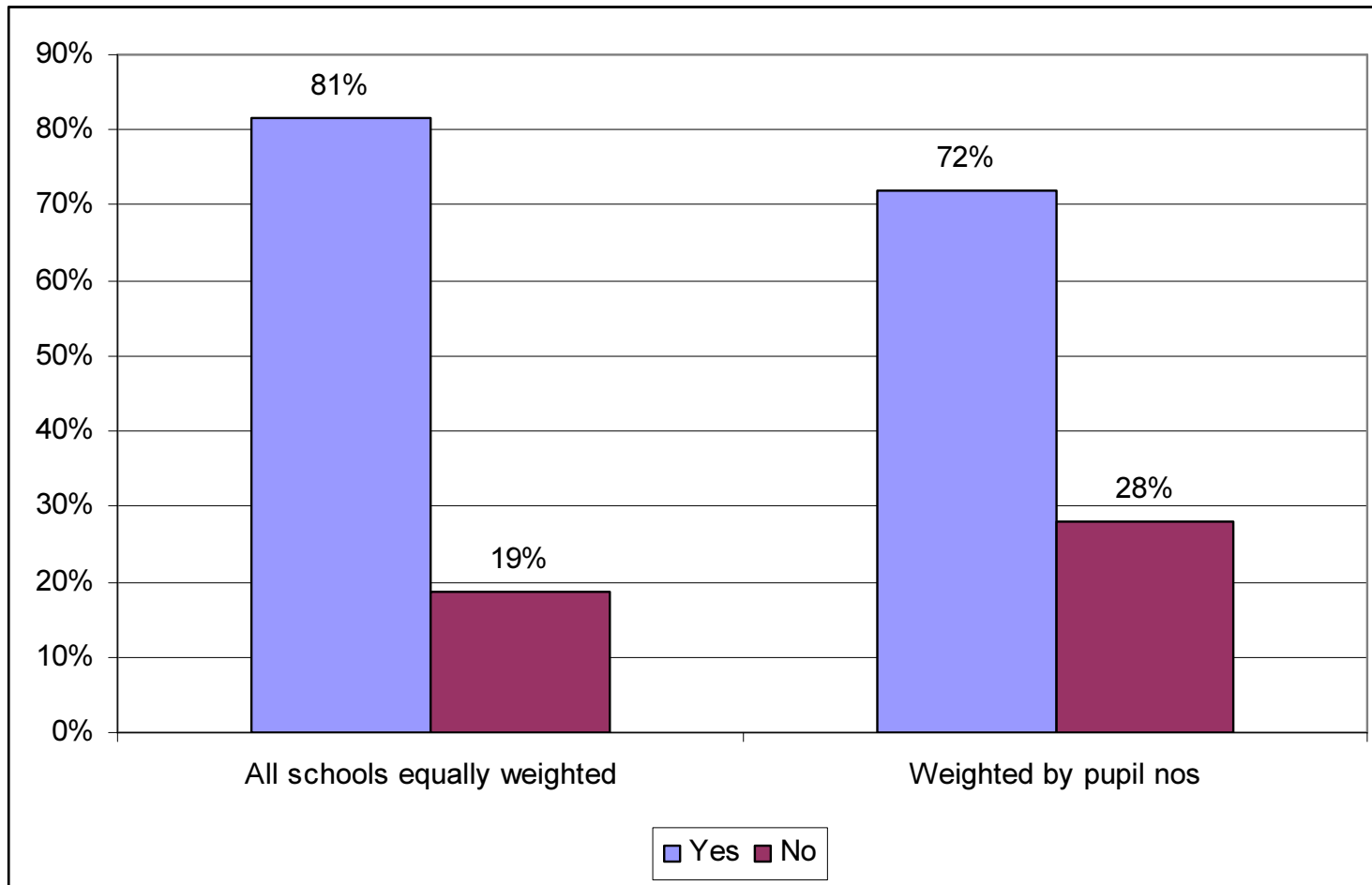


## Lump sum

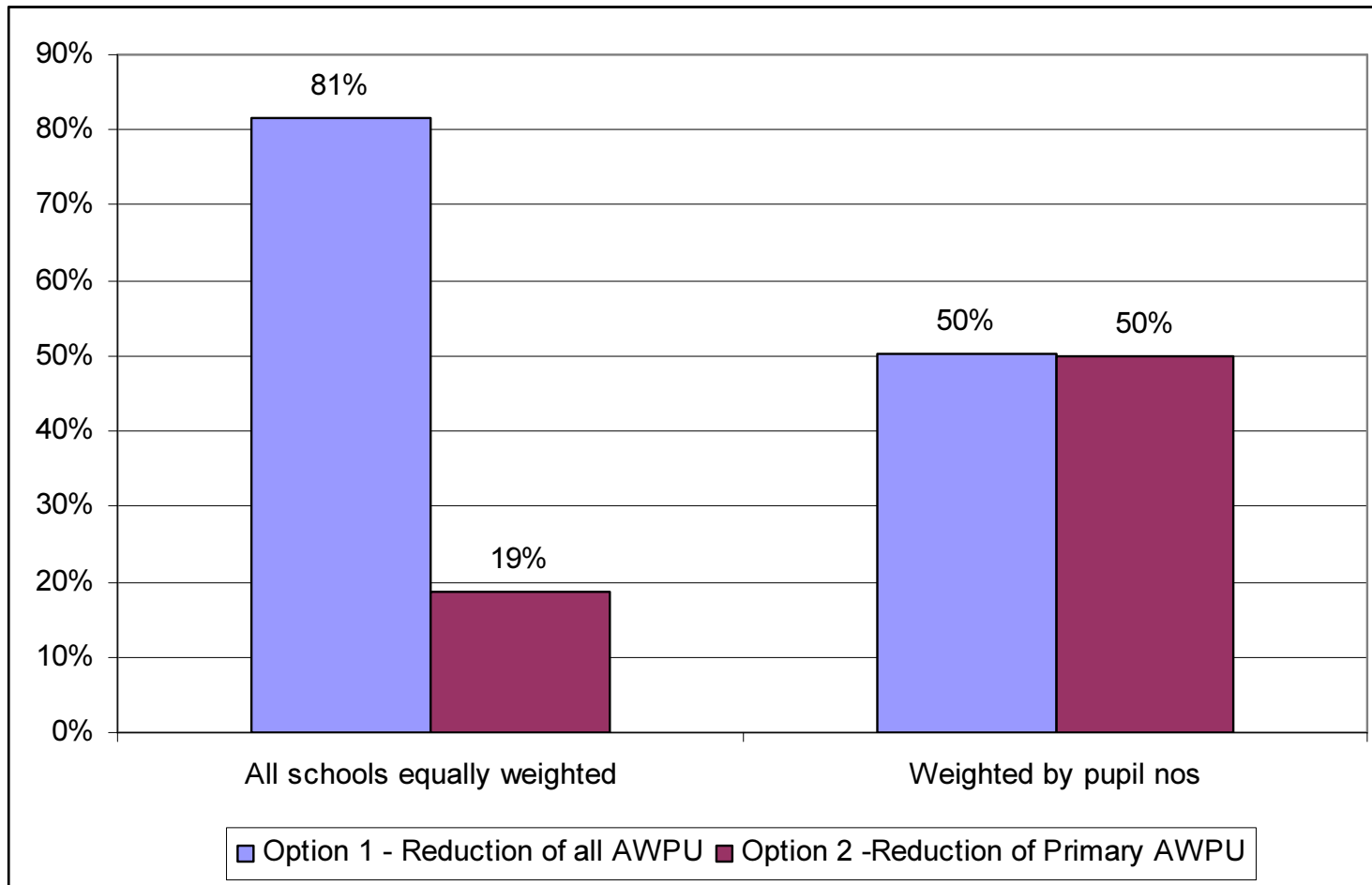
- RBWM £120k slightly below average £131k
- On average small primaries receive less per pupil than OLA primaries of similar size
- Proposed increase in primary lump sum of £4,522 - to help smaller schools affected by the 2013-14 funding changes
- Advantages smaller schools



### Q3. Do you agree that additional support should be given to small primary schools by increasing the lump sum amount?



## Q4. Should this be funded by a reduction in AWPUs across all phases (option 1), or just primary (option 2)?

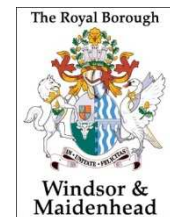


# Lump sum - comments

- Primaries wanted increase to be funded by all phases
- Secondaries wanted primaries to fund increase

## Other comments:

- Is it worth making this change for such a small amount per school? (£4,522)
- Wait till requirements of National Funding Formula are known
- Need to look at the long-term viability of small schools
- Secondary schools with sixth forms are already facing post 16 funding reductions



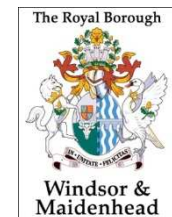


## Children in care

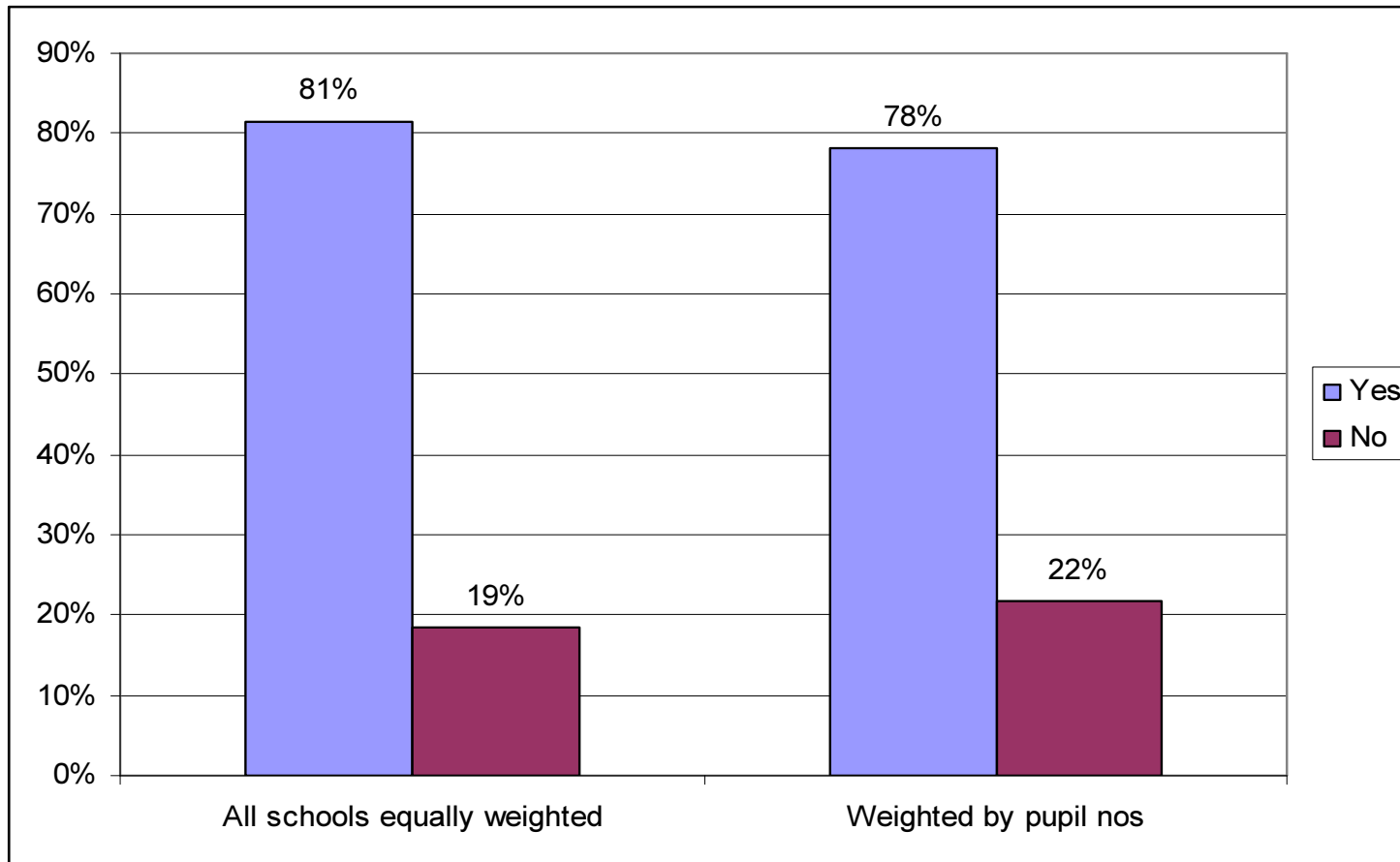
- Children in care achieve less well than their peers

Indicator (DfE data for 2012)	Children in care	Non looked after children
<b>Expected level in English &amp; Maths at KS2</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>79%</b>
<b>5 A* to C GCSEs including English &amp; Maths</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>58%</b>

- Proposal for new factor in RBWM formula

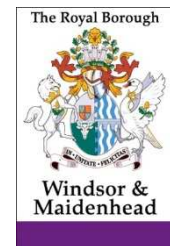


**Q5. Do you agree that a new factor should be included in the 2014-15 funding formula to allocate £1300 in addition to pupil premium for each child in care?**



## Children in care - comments

- Only 5 schools out of 27 who responded (20%) were against this proposal
- Some concern about the amount proposed (£1,300) in light of the recently announced PP-CIC increase to £1,900



## Other comments

- Too little time to respond to consultation
- Secondary schools under-represented on Working Group
- Some of the tables difficult to understand, particularly MFG
- Changes result in net move of £134k from secondary and middle schools to primaries (before impact of MFG) – at a time when post 16 funding is being squeezed
- Upper schools adversely affected by changes



## Next steps

- Schools Forum's views on consultation
- Indicative 2014-15 formula agreed by DCS and Lead Member for CS
- 31 October – first submission of 2014-15 pro forma to EFA
- Nov – Dec - EFA provide updated dataset based on October 2013 pupil census
- December – School Forum consider other budget issues eg. De-delegation
- 22 January 2014 – final submission on 2014-15 formula to EFA
- by 28 February 2014 – notify schools of final 2014-15 budget shares

