

Needs Profile Further Information

Formulate for SEND is an Education Banding Tool (EBT) which supports Local Authorities (LAs) to allocate top-up funding fairly, accurately, and consistently, while improving the management of resources and helping to deliver better outcomes. The purpose of the EBT is to provide an Education Band which equates to a financial value based on an assessment of need, meaning it helps eliminate variation in provision for children or young people with the same needs – and ensures that the child or young people in Wokingham Schools receive a fair top-up amount compared to others with similar needs.

The Needs Profile captures the information on the child or young person in a measurable way. The Needs Profile is a form with multiple choice questions that are answered based on information contained within the pupil's EHCP and supporting documents such as reports received as part of the statutory Education, Health and Care Needs Assessment (EHCNA) or the annual review.

The Needs Profile captures:

- The pupil's education setting, key stage and planned attendance
- A 'score' (using a 0 to 4 scale) for each of nine education areas:
 - Communicating well
 - Achieving potential for learning
 - Developing and enjoying recreation activities and community inclusion
 - Forming positive relationship
 - Maintaining emotional well-being
 - Dealing successfully with change and transitioning between education settings
 - Being independent with self-care
 - Being independent with mobility and motor skills
 - Managing behavior
- Some specific factors which may influence the funding needed:
 - The impact of any sensory impairments and/or processing difficulties
 - The likelihood and/or impact of accidental or intentional harm
 - Support needed for social, emotional and mental health needs
 - Support needed to prepare for adulthood

Calculating the top-up band

The Formulate Education Banding Tool has been specifically designed as a fair and consistent method to estimate the level of additional funding a child or young person needs to meet their SEN and support their outcomes. It does this by using the answers recorded in the Needs Profile to assign an 'Education Band' for each pupil where a requirement for top-up funding has been indicated.

There are 10 Education Bands with 0 indicating the lowest of education needs and 10 being the highest level of need.

The Education Band is assigned in the following way:

Private: Information that contains a small amount of sensitive data which is essential to communicate with an individual but doesn't require to be sent via secure methods.

- A baseline band is determined using the 'scores' for the nine education areas recorded in the Needs Profile.
- After calculating the baseline band, the additional specific factors captured in the Needs Profile are used to determine whether the band needs to be increased to ensure an appropriate level of top-up funding.

The algorithm involved has been built based on thousands of real cases from around the country over a period of several years and has then been tested in our local area.