

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND LIFELONG LEARNING
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 27th MAY 2025**

Question

“Will the Minister state the average cost of funding a pupil in a States non-fee-paying primary school and of funding a pupil in a States non-fee-paying secondary school; and will he provide information on how this funding is calculated, listing all budget lines included, and where there has been any explicit decision to exclude certain budget lines from the calculation, will he provide the reasons for any such exclusion?”

Answer

Funding is not allocated to any school on the basis of a flat average rate per pupil. School funding mechanisms are weighted to address a range of factors.

The Age Weighted Pupil Unit (AWPU) was used for more than 25 years across the system and was replaced by the School Funding Formula for non-fee-paying schools in 2022. The principal shift in method was to recognise that a significant proportion of the core costs of a school are fixed or semi-fixed and do not flex with the number or need of pupils, and to update the weighted cost drivers in line with modern practice. The aim was to ensure a more stable budget from year to year and facilitate better planning both at school level and for those elements of provision cost which should follow the child.

The Jersey School Funding Formula is explained line by line on the report published annually on gov.je for the purposes of full transparency. [Jersey Funding Formula for Schools 2025 Report](#)