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To Directors of Children's Services  
and Chairs of Schools Forums

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Dear Colleagues

### **CONSULTATION ON THE SCHOOL FINANCE (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2011**

The Department is today launching a consultation on the new School Finance (England) Regulations 2011.

The main changes from previous regulations relate to decisions and proposals outlined in the 2011-12 school funding consultation document issued on 26th July 2010. These include the requirement for all authorities to introduce an early years single funding formula from April 2011 and the mainstreaming of some specific grants into the Dedicated Schools Grant.

Other proposals include changes to make federations more attractive, allowing penalties from the carbon reduction commitment to be passed through to the schools budget or individual schools and removing exclusions as an allowable formula factor. Information is also provided about schools being able to fund community facilities from their delegated budget.

The Department will be launching its new website shortly and we will ensure that the draft regulations and accompanying note for consultation will be available on the site. We will inform Finance Officers at Local Authorities when the information is available on our website.

Please send **consultation responses** to [anita.mcloughlin@education.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:anita.mcloughlin@education.gsi.gov.uk) by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2010. If you have any **queries** on this consultation please send them to me at [keith.howkins@education.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:keith.howkins@education.gsi.gov.uk).

In both cases please put School Finance Regulations 2011 consultation in the subject line.

Yours sincerely



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