

**Recently submitted responses to questions raised by interested parties regarding the Specification document for the New Cheltenham School Competition**

1. Although the Department for Education's free school route provides a post opening grant based on a sum per pupil for the year group entering the school, Gloucestershire County Council has confirmed the proposal to underwrite the funding based on stated pupil numbers.
2. Gloucestershire County Council's proposal is to underwrite revenue funding for the school on the following projected numbers:
  - Academic Year 1 at 4FE – (120 places)
  - Academic Year 2 at 4FE – (120 places therefore NOR equals 240)
  - Academic Year 3 at 5FE - (150 places therefore NOR equals 390)
  - Academic Year 4 at 5FE - (150 places therefore NOR equals 540 - 120 of which at KS4)
  - Academic Year 5 at 6 FE - (180 places therefore NOR equals 720 – 240 of which at KS4)
3. Potential sponsors proposed financial plan for implementing the opening and ongoing sustainability of the school can be submitted in any format.
4. When explaining plans for implementing the opening of the school potential sponsors have the option to submit this information in either a narrative or spreadsheet form, whichever is preferred.
5. There is currently no requirement for a sixth form at present. This may however be a consideration in future and has not been completely ruled out.
6. The only funding proposed is as stated in the specification i.e. £75k up front allocation plus the pupil numbers funding. Gloucestershire County Council expect applicants to state what they propose to spend the money on.
7. Although the Department for Education's free school route provides additional leadership funding for each year the school has empty year groups, there is no plan to introduce this and the only funding available is as stated in the specification.