

Services to Schools Scheme

Earlier this year, Paul Fisher described the impact that the Fair Funding Consultation paper would have on the services offered by Norfolk County Council to schools. At the same time he also talked about a new process to enable schools to purchase services from county.

In order to improve the service we offer and reduce administration costs associated with providing this mechanism, it was necessary to make the brochure electronic (pdf format) as well as providing a contract that responds by changing (options and pricing to include discounts) according to options selected by the user.

Although the brochure is no longer printed, there are now four specific electronic (pdf) versions for Primary, Secondary, Special and Children's Centres (including Further Education establishments). This should enable the reader to find the required information without having to read options that are not applicable.

The contract in its new format is downloadable and provides schools with the ability to tick and untick options to view the impact of choosing various service options. No longer do school staff have to calculate separately the discounts or effects on choosing one option over another, as the impact is seen immediately on the screen. It is vital that the user reads "The Process" section before downloading and completing the contract.

Both the contract and brochures are available from the Norfolk Schools Website under the heading Services to Schools. There you can find additional information on what has changed from the 2010/11 scheme, as well as frequently asked questions and directions to get help including the Services to Schools direct telephone numbers.