

## WIRRAL COUNCIL

### WIRRAL SCHOOLS FORUM – 24<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2012

#### REPORT OF ACTING DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

#### PUPIL PREMIUM ALLOCATION 2012-13

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##### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Pupil Premium was distributed to schools for the first time in April 2011 for children eligible for Free School Meals, Looked After Children and Service Children. For 2012, the DfE have increased the amount of the Premium and widened eligibility for the FSM element. This report details the changes to the Pupil Premium for 2012-13.

##### BACKGROUND

The Pupil Premium for 2011-12 was set at £430 for each child eligible for Free School Meals (FSM), £430 for each Looked After child (LAC) and £200 for each Service child. The DfE increased the Premium for FSM and LAC to £488 half way through the year to ensure that all the allocated resources were used.

For 2012-13, the amount distributed by the Premium will increase in all areas, and the measure for FSM will change. The DfE have also announced that from September 2012 schools will be required to publish online information about how they have used their Pupil Premium allocations.

##### FREE SCHOOL MEAL PUPIL PREMIUM

Eligibility for the Pupil Premium in 2012-13 will be extended to pupils on roll in January 2012 who have been eligible for FSM at any point in the last 6 years (known as Ever6), paid at £600 per eligible pupil.

This change in methodology will reduce the impact on Wirral schools of the recent drop in FSM eligibility as it takes into account previous years' data when numbers were higher. However, schools should still actively encourage eligible parents to apply for FSM to maximise the available funding.

Based on data from the October 2011 School Census and Census returns from the last 6 years, the following amounts will be allocated to schools:

School Type	FSM Allocation
Primary	£4,253,400
Secondary (excl academies)	£1,803,600
Special (incl PRU)	£272,400
Alternative Provision	£17,400
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£6,346,800</b>

The Pupil Premium amounts issued with the school budget allocations in March will be estimates only. Final allocations will be issued by the DfE as they have access to the full national School Census data required for the calculation.

## LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN PUPIL PREMIUM

The Pupil Premium will continue to be provided to children who have been looked after continuously for 6 months as at 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012 at £600 per eligible pupil, with a pro rata allocation for those children who become continuously looked after for 6 months during the year.

The LAC Pupil Premium is paid termly for all children who are looked after by Wirral LA. For children looked after by other local authorities attending Wirral schools, schools will receive the Premium from the responsible LA.

Estimated amounts to be allocated to schools for 2012-13 are:

School Type	Wirral LAC in Wirral Schools	Wirral LAC in All Schools
Primary	£103,200	
Secondary (incl academies)	£65,400	
Special (incl PRU)	£25,200	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£193,800</b>	<b>£246,000</b>

## SERVICE CHILDREN PUPIL PREMIUM

The Pupil Premium will continue to be provided for children of parents in the armed services at £250 per eligible pupils. Data will be taken from the January 2012 School Census – if numbers eligible are the same as in 2011, the following amounts will be allocated to schools:

School Type	Service Child Allocation
Primary	£15,250
Secondary (excl academies)	£1,250
Special (incl PRU)	0
Alternative Provision	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£16,500</b>

## PUBLISHING INFORMATION ONLINE

School will have to publish details of their Pupil Premium allocation and spending plans for the current year. For the previous year, schools will be required to publish a statement confirming the allocation, how the money was spent and the impact that this had on educational attainment.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Forum notes the report.

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