WIRRAL COUNCIL

WIRRAL SCHOOLS FORUM – 23rd JANUARY 2013

REPORT OF ACTING DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

PUPIL PREMIUM ALLOCATION 2012-13 and 2013-14

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Pupil Premium was distributed to schools in 2012-13 for children eligible for Free School Meals (FSM), Looked after Children (LAC), Service Children and Summer Schools. A year 7 Premium for current year 7 pupils who did not achieve level 4 in reading and/or maths has also been announced. This report details the changes to the Pupil Premium during this financial year and also the estimates for 2013-14.

BACKGROUND

The Pupil Premium for 2012-13 was originally set at £600 for each child eligible for Free School Meals in any of the previous 6 years (Ever 6), £600 for each Looked After child (LAC) and £250 for each Service child. Final pupil allocations and numbers were confirmed in November 2012.

PUPIL PREMIUM 2012-13

<u>FSM and LAC Pupil Premium</u> (£9,097,981) The DfE increased the Premium for FSM and LAC during the year from £600 to £623.

There are 14,136 FSM pupils giving a grant to schools and academies of £8,806,417 (as at December 2012.)

There are 468 Wirral LAC pupils at £623, totalling £291,564.

Service Children (£37,500)

Service Children pupil premium was originally for pupils recorded on the January census, in reception to Year 11 in mainstream schools. During the year it has changed to include children recorded as service children in the January 2011 census, but not on the January 12 census, making this an 'ever 2 service child'. This grant has also been extended to include pupils in receipt of pensions under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme and the War Pension Scheme.

There are 125 Service Children at £250, totalling £37,500 as at December 2012.

Summer School Pupil Premium (£87,250 excluding academies)

A provisional allocation of £500 per disadvantaged pupil was allocated to each eligible secondary school to run a summer school. Allocations were adjusted after the schools confirmed the summer school took place and the number of places offered. In Wirral 8 schools (excluding academies) took part, with a final grant of £87,250.

Year 7 Premium (figures not yet released)

The DfE have confirmed that a further Pupil Premium will be available for all maintained schools, special schools, PRUs, academies and free schools for pupils in the current Year 7 cohort who did not achieve level 4 in reading and/or maths. The amount will be a maximum

of £500 per eligible pupil, payable to the LA in late January 2013. The DfE have committed to continue this funding for the duration of the current spending review – to 2015.

PUPIL PREMIUM 2013-14

The pupil premium amounts for 2013-14 will be increased as follows per eligible pupil:-

FSM (ever 6)	£900
LAC	£900
Service Children	£300

The service children pupil premium will change to 'Ever 3' in 2013-14. This means a pupil who was eligible for the service child premium in either 2011-12 or 2012-13, but is not recorded as a service child on January 2013 census will be included.

The figures below are estimates for 2013-14 based on current pupils:-

School Type	FSM (ever 6)	Service Child	LAC	Total
Primary	6,938,100	31,500	183,600	7,153,200
Secondary and academies	5,336,100	6,000	122,400	5,464,500
Special	414,000	0	37,800	451,800
WASP	34,200	0	5,400	39,600
Alternative Provision	0	0	72,000	72,000
TOTAL	12,722,400	37,500	421,200	13,181,100

RECOMMENDATION

That the Forum notes the report.

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