

WIRRAL COUNCIL

WIRRAL SCHOOLS FORUM – 22nd JANUARY 2014

REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

PUPIL PREMIUM ALLOCATION 2014-15

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report details the Pupil Premium received in the current financial year and also the basis of the grant to be paid in 2014-15.

2. BACKGROUND

The Pupil Premium was distributed to schools in 2013-14 for children eligible for Free School Meals (FSM), Looked after Children (LAC), Service Children and Summer Schools. The year 7 Catch up for current year 7 pupils who did not achieve level 4 in reading and/or maths will be allocated shortly. The Pupil Premium for 2013-14 was originally set at £900 for each child eligible for FSM in any of the previous 6 years (Ever 6), £900 for each LAC and £300 for each Service child. Final pupil allocations and numbers were confirmed in December 2013, with grants totalling £13.9m.

3. PUPIL PREMIUM 2013-14

FSM and LAC Pupil Premium (£13.7m)

The DfE increased the FSM Pupil Premium for Primary aged children during the year from £900 to £953. FSM Pupil Premium for secondary aged children and LAC Pupil Premium will remain at £900.

There are 14,280 FSM pupils giving a grant to schools and academies of £13.27m (as at December 2013.)

There are 480 Wirral LAC pupils at £900, totalling £432k.

Service Children (£37,500)

In 2013-14 Service Children Pupil Premium is based on 'Ever 3' which means eligible pupils will have been flagged as service children any time between January 2011 and the January 2013 census.

There are 160 Service Children at £300, totalling £48,000 as at December 2013.

Summer School Pupil Premium (£176,500 excluding academies)

A provisional allocation of £250 per week 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. Seven Wirral Maintained schools took part, with a final grant of £176,500.

Year 7 Premium (figures not yet released)

The DfE have indicated 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, and confirmed by the DfE in February 2014.

The Pupil Premium grant may be spent by for the educational benefit of pupils registered at the school, pupils at other maintained schools and on community facilities. Where a child moves to another school, usually as a result of exclusion, the Pupil Premium should follow the child to their new provision.

Schools are required to report how they use pupil premium to improve outcomes on their websites. Details identifying the use and outcomes of pupil premium is included elsewhere in the agenda.

4. PUPIL PREMIUM and PUPIL PREMIUM PLUS 2014-15

The Pupil Premium amounts for 2014-15 will be increased as follows:-

	Per Pupil
FSM (ever 6) Primary	£1,300
FSM (ever 6) Secondary	£935
LAC and Adopted Children	£1,900
Service Children (ever 4)	£300

Pupil Premium Plus

From April 2014 Looked after Children will be eligible for Pupil Premium as soon as they become looked after. They will not have to wait until they have been continuously looked after for 6 months as in the past. LAC Pupil Premium will also be extended to include adopted children, those leaving care under guardianships or residence orders, with eligible data being collected in the January 2014 census for the first time.

Service Children Ever 4

Service Children Pupil Premium has changed to 'ever 4', which means that any children recorded as a service child since January 2011 will be eligible, even if they are no longer recorded as a service child.

FSM Numbers

The current FSM numbers (October 2013 latest figures) are shown below, together with a comparison of the previous 4 years. Overall numbers show a downwards trend partly as a result of new systems introduced in summer 2011 but more recently from reduced entitlement arising from benefit changes. Overall numbers have dropped by 27%.

Year	FSM Numbers
January 2010	11,609
January 2011	10,970
January 2012	9,076
January 2013	8,877
October 2013	8,514

Estimated Pupil Premium for 2014-15

School Type	FSM (ever6) £	Service Child £	LAC £	Total £
Primary	9,786,400	30,900	452,200	10,269,500
Secondary	5,478,165	17,100	267,900	5,763,165
Special	441,800	0	81,700	523,500
WASP	39,270	0	7,600	46,870
Wirral Hospital School	16,830	0	0	16,830
Alternative Provision	27,535	0	197,600	225,135
TOTAL	15,790,000	48,000	1,007,000	16,845,000

The figures above include Academies

5. RECOMMENDATION

That the Forum notes the report.

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