

WIRRAL COUNCIL

WIRRAL SCHOOLS FORUM – 14th JANUARY 2015

REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

PUPIL PREMIUM ALLOCATION 2015-16

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 2015-16.

2. Background

The Pupil Premium is distributed to schools for children eligible for Free School Meals (FSM), Service Children and Summer Schools. In addition there is a year 7 Catch up for current year 7 pupils who did not achieve level 4 in reading and/or maths. Pupil Premium Plus has extended payments to cover adopted children, Residence Orders and Special Guardianships. The Looked after Children (LAC) Pupil Premium is now allocated by the LACES Team and is based on set criteria.

In 2015-16 a Pupil Premium for 3 and 4 year olds will be introduced using similar eligibility criteria above.

3. Pupil Premium 2014-15

Free School Meals (£15.8m)

The Pupil Premium was set at £1,300 for Primary School children and £935 for secondary schools.

There are 13,852 ever 6 FSM pupils giving a grant to schools and academies of £15.8m This is a reduction of 428 eligible pupils since last year.

Service Children (£67,800)

In 2014-15 Service Children Pupil Premium is based on 'Ever 4' which means eligible pupils will have been flagged as service children any time between January 2011 and the January 2014 census.

There are 226 Service Children at £300, totalling £67,800 as at December 2014. This is an increase of 66 eligible children since last year.

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 confirmation the summer school took place and the number of places offered.

Eight Wirral Maintained schools took part, with a final grant of £167,750.

Year 7 Premium (figures not yet released)

The DfE will continue to provide Year 7 Catch up Premium 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 will be confirmed in February 2014.

Adopted from Care, Special Guardianship or Residence Orders (£351,500 currently)

In April 2014 the DfE allocated £1,900 for each child included in the January 2014 census who were adopted from care, or the subject of a special guardianship or residence order.

In the autumn term this was extended to include pupils recorded on the October 2014 School Census who were adopted prior to December 2005. If these pupils are already attracting ever 6 FSM premium of £1,300 then the additional allocation will be £600, otherwise they will be allocated £1,900. This extra funding will be confirmed before the end of March.

Looked After Children (£1,007,000 indicative)

From April 2014 the Looked after Children Pupil Premium is managed by the Virtual Head Teacher in the Authority that looks after those children.

In Wirral the payments are made termly based on progress and up to date Tracker information:-

- The first instalment of £700 per child is based on the number of LAC on roll as at 7th July 2014.
- The second instalment, a maximum of £600, is based on number of LAC on roll at 15th December 2014 with the following criteria:-
 - £200 paid for each child where targets for 2014-15 have been set
 - £200 paid for each child where the tracker information is up to date.
 - £200 paid for each child who has a “Green” PEP on ESCR.
- The third instalment, maximum of £600, is based on the number of LAC on roll at 16th March meeting the same criteria as the second instalment. Where a child did not have a green “PEP” in December but does at this time the school will receive £400.

Any funds that have not been allocated to schools after the third instalment will be divided equally among each child who achieved the expected progress targets in the 2013-14 academic year.

The indicative allocation of LAC Pupil Premium is £1,007,000 which is based on 530 children identified as looked after for at least one day as recorded in the March 2013 Children Looked After Data Return (SSDA903) and aged 4 to 15 at 31 August 2012. The final allocation will reflect changes in the March 2014 Children Looked After Data Return (SSDA903).

4. PUPIL PREMIUM and PUPIL PREMIUM PLUS 2015-16

The Pupil Premium amounts for 2015-16 are:-

	Per Pupil
FSM (ever 6) Primary	£1,320
FSM (ever 6) Secondary	£935
LAC and Post LAC	£1,900
Service Children (ever 4)	£300
Early Years (New)	£300

For the academic year 2014-15, the DfE will provide all schools with a list of pupils who have been eligible for free school meals at any point in the last 6 years. This list is available through a pupil premium download from the Key to Success website.

This data allows schools to identify the pupils who have previously attracted pupil premium funding so support can be targeted accurately. The data can also help schools estimate how much pupil premium funding will be allocated in future.

Early Years Pupil Premium

The Early Years Pupil Premium will be introduced from April 2015 targeting additional resources to disadvantaged children. It will be a maximum of £300 per eligible pupil, payable to private, voluntary and independent providers as well as maintained nursery schools and nursery classes. The DfE will conduct a survey in Autumn to review take up, whilst OFSTED will look for evidence that providers understand and are planning to meet the needs of disadvantaged children in their setting.

Estimated Pupil Premium for 2015-16

School Type	FSM (ever6) £	Service Child £	Post LAC £	LAC £	Early Years £	Total £
Primary	9,962,040	42,300	239,400	452,200	0	10,695,940
Secondary	5,269,660	25,500	91,200	267,900	0	5,654,260
Special	491,645	0	19,000	81,700	0	592,345
WASP	46,750	0	0	7,600	0	54,350
Wirral Hospital School	18,700	0	0	0	0	18,700
Alternative Provision	29,920	0	0	197,600	0	227,520
Early Years	0	0	0	0	357,000	357,000
TOTAL	15,818,715	67,800	349,600	1,007,000	357,000	17,600,115

Notes

The figures above include Academies.

FSM ever6 pupil numbers have been reduced to take account of falling FSM numbers.

All other pupil numbers are based on 2014-15 census data.

Early Years pupil premium is indicative.

5. RECOMMENDATION

That the Forum notes the report.

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