

Wirral Schools Forum
School's Library Service Update
27th September 2017

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report updates the Forum on the recent changes to the Schools' Library Service and the service plans for the future.

BUDGET

The Schools Library Service is a de-delegated service, mainly for Primary Schools although other schools can access services on request. Funding from the Schools' Forum provides £191,700, the equivalent of £7.78 per primary school pupil. The make up of the complete budget is shown below.

2017-2018

Staffing	£96, 200
Other costs including book fund	£62, 641
Premises Charge	£15, 637
Support Services Recharge	£22, 222
Income	£5,000 cr
TOTAL	£191,700

2017-18 PRIORITIES

- To maintain current level of book, artefact loans and audio visual resource provision for schools as a standard service.
- To continue to promote our premium service with local schools. We currently have 9 schools using our premium service. Our premium service consists of an annual loan of 150 popular fiction and non-fiction books to update and refresh the school library. Four hours consultancy time, including advice and support on the schools' own library from a qualified librarian. This includes a written report. And one hour staff training from a qualified librarian on making the most of the school library.
- Our year 7 pilot transition scheme begins at Ridgeway High School. The pilot scheme will run for one academic year and will then be offered to all secondary schools. This will cost £500 per year per school. This offer includes an annual loan of 150 popular fiction and non-fiction books to update and refresh the school's own library book stock. One Artefact box on a particular subject. One project box of up to 20 books on a chosen topic or topics and access to SLS base and collections throughout the year, including advice from a qualified librarian on all aspects of the school library and staff training.
- To continue to promote our service to encourage academy buy back.

STAFFING

There are currently 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ FTE members of staff:

- 2 * 0.5 Schools' Librarian - job share
- 1 * 0.75 Assistant Schools' Librarian - $\frac{3}{4}$ post
- 1 * Admin Support

Additional temporary staff members are employed three times a year to help facilitate the collection and delivery of resources to and from schools at the beginning and end of each term.

The service is based at:
Joseph Paxton Campus
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Please see our entry in the Wirral Traded Services Brochure for more information on the service we offer.

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