

Wirral Schools Forum
Schools' Library Service Update
26th September 2018

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 £180,900, the equivalent of £7.78 per primary school pupil. The make up of the complete budget is shown below.

2018-2019

Staffing	£96, 300
Other costs including book fund	£62,600
Support Services Recharge	£43,600

TOTAL **£203,000**

Income Secondary Schools	£500 cr
Income Academies	£6738 cr
Income Premium Service	£4500 cr
Income target	£10,369 cr

TOTAL **£22,100**

2018-19 PRIORITIES

- We have been given an income target of £22,100 and we hope to achieve this through more schools using our premium service and more academy uptake.
- 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 transition scheme continues at Ridgeway and we hope to encourage other secondary schools to buy in. We have had a lot of interest.
- We have successfully encouraged two whole school academy buy backs and we are hoping to achieve more. Townfield Academy joined us in April and Birkenhead High School Academy joined us in September. We are in the process of contacting governors and school business managers in other academies to promote the service.

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 * Library Manager- ft post

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:
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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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