

Schools Forum 21st October 2014

Report of the Interim Director of Children's Services

The Pupil Premium – Dudley's Data

Purpose of Report

1. Following a recent Ofsted publication in respect of the pupil premium for schools, to present to Schools Forum Dudley's pupil premium data and closing the gap analysis.

Budget Working Group Discussed

2. Presentation will be made at a meeting yet to be confirmed.

Schools Forum Role and Responsibilities

3. The pupil premium is a government funded grant which is directed to schools through the Local Authority. The funding is additional to a school's annual budget share which is funded by the Department for Education's (DfE) grant: the Dedicated School Grant (DSG).
4. The Authority may consult the Forum on such other matters concerning the funding of schools as they see fit.

Action for Schools Forum

5. To note the Ofsted publication dated July 2014 in respect of the pupil premium, attached at Appendix 1, and to receive a presentation in respect of Dudley's pupil premium data and closing the gap analysis.

Attachments to Report

6. Appendix 1 - Ofsted documentation the Pupil Premium: An update.

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Background

2. The Pupil Premium is a DfE grant provided to schools as additional support for looked after children and those from low income families. Schools are free to spend the money they are allocated as they see fit, however the DfE are clear that schools will be held accountable for how this additional funding to support pupils from low-income families and from service families is used. It was worth £625m nationally in 2011/12 rising to £2.5bn by 2014/15.
3. For 2014/15, schools will receive £1,300 per primary pupil who is currently eligible for free schools meals (FSM) or has been eligible for FSM in the past 6 years (FSM 'Ever 6') and the allocation for secondary sector will be £935 for FSM 'Ever 6' pupils; the rates for 2013/14 were £953 for a primary pupil and £900 for a secondary pupil.
4. The grant is calculated using the DfE FSM "Ever 6" data and the estimate of grant for Dudley maintained schools for 2014/15 is £11.8m.
5. Pupil Premium will also be allocated for children looked after at least one day as recorded in the March 2013 Children Looked After Data Return (SSDA903) and aged 4 to 15 at 31st August 2012. This allocation will be updated and finalised in October 2014 based on the number of children looked after as recorded in the March 2014 return. The estimate of grant for Dudley maintained schools for 2014/15 is £1.034m based on £1,900 per capita.
6. The Pupil Premium for 2014/15 will now also include those pupils recorded on the January 2014 School Census who were looked after immediately before being adopted on or after 30 December 2005, or were placed on a Special Guardianship or Residence Order immediately after being looked after (known as post-LAC). The estimated grant for Dudley maintained schools is £125,400.

Ofsted Publication

7. The Ofsted publication issued in July 2014 titled 'The Pupil Premium: an update', provides information on the progress schools have made in using their pupil premium funding to raise achievement for pupils eligible for free school meals. It is based on evidence from 151 inspections carried out between January and December 2013, text review of 1,600 school inspection reports published between

September 2013 and March 2014, and national performance data for 2013. The document is attached at Appendix 1 of this report.

Dudley School's Pupil Premium Data

8. Data in respect of Dudley school's disadvantaged pupil premium analysis and closing the gap (end of primary and secondary phase outcomes) is available for 2012 and 2013. This information will be presented to Schools Forum at the meeting for information and further discussion.

Finance

9. The funding of schools is prescribed by the Department for Education (DfE) through the School and Early Years Finance (England) Regulations 2013.
10. Schools Forums are regulated by the regulated by the Schools Forums (England) Regulations 2012.
11. From 1st April 2006, the Schools Budget has been funded by a direct grant; Dedicated School Grant (DSG).

Law

12. Councils' LMS Schemes are made under Section 48 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998. The Education Acts 1996 and 2002 also have provisions relating to school funding.

Equality Impact

13. The Council's Equal Opportunities Policy is taken into account when considering the allocation of resources.

Recommendation

14. Schools Forum to note the recent Ofsted publication 'The Pupil Premium: an update' attached at Appendix 1 and to receive a presentation at the meeting in respect of Dudley school's pupil premium analysis data.



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