

Directorate of Children's Services

Budget Fact Sheet

APPENDIX A

No. 2 – February 2014

- **School Budgets for 2014/15**

Funding for Mainstream schools

School Finance Regulations require local authorities to provide mainstream schools with the amount of each school's budget share by 28th February 2014.

Final budgets for Dudley mainstream schools (Reception to Year 11) were issued on 31st January and are available at :

iDudley/Directorates/ Childrens Services/CS Electronic Library/Children's Services AccountancyTeam /Budgets/School Budgets/2014-15Budgets/Jan 2014

The post 16 mainstream school grant funding from the EFA has not yet been announced for 2014/15. Therefore the allocations detailed in the school budgets issued relate to 2013/14 allocations and do not represent any estimate of the 2014/15 allocation. When this information has been received a final EFA grant budget will be issued.

Indicative amounts for High Needs top –up funding for mainstream schools will be notified to each mainstream school by Monday 24th February 2014.

Funding for Early Years and High Needs pupils

- Funding for each special school, Pupil Referral Unit and nursery provision must be determined by 31st March 2014.
- It is anticipated that Early Years funding for maintained schools will be available on 27th February 2014 and for Private, Voluntary and Independent (PVI) providers will be available on or before 31st March 2014.
- Confirmation of place led funding for special schools will be available on 27th February 2014 along with indicative High Needs top up funding to assist schools with budget setting.
- All SEN units in mainstream schools will receive basic per pupil funding in accordance with their agreed SEN places. This funding is subject to the signing of the service level agreement relating to the management of the SEN provision. The funding will be payable outside of the delegated budget.

- **Local Government Pension Scheme rates 2014/15 to 2016/17**

The employer's contribution rates are still under negotiation and the latest indicative rates are stated below.

- 2014/15 17.4%
- 2015/16 18.7%
- 2016/17 20.3%

- **Pupil Premium 2014/15**

Pupil Premium will continue to be based on Free School Meals Ever 6 methodology:

- Primary £1,300 per pupil,
- Secondary £935 per pupil,
- Looked After Children, adopted children and children with guardians £1,900 per pupil,
- Service Premium £300 per pupil.

Indicative allocations based on information available at January 2013 School Census are available at:

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As regards determining eligibility for the 2015/16 pupil premium, the DfE are currently considering how the data for the infants sector will be recorded in the October 2014 schools census return due to changes brought about by the introduction of the universal free school meal for infants.

- **Universal Infant Free School Meals**

The Government has announced a strategy for funding free school meals for all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 in state primary schools from September 2014.

Dudley will receive a capital allocation of £855k (including £81k in respect of VA schools) to spend on improving kitchen and dining facilities in maintained schools.

Revenue funding arrangements were confirmed by the DfE as being at a flat rate of £2.30 per meal taken, based on actual take-up by newly eligible infant pupils which will be measured in the Schools Census from 2014.

Funding currently provided through Dudley's deprivation formula factor within the schools' local funding formula in relation to those pupils in receipt of free school meals in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, will continue and the universal free school meals grant from the DfE will relate only to those pupils who are not currently eligible for a free school meal.

- **Directorate Support to Schools in 2014/15 and 2015/16**

The Interim Director of Children's Services has agreed to make funds available to schools using the central Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) reserve. £1m will be distributed to all Dudley schools over a two year period of 2014/15 and 2015/16.

For those schools using Dudley catering services, then schools will have the option to use this funding to support the increased catering service costs from 2014/15. Further information has been provided to these schools in a letter dated 14 February 2014.

If you do not purchase Dudley catering services then you have the option to utilise the funds within your school to benefit all pupils.

Details of the allocations can be found at:

[iDudley/Directorates/ Childrens Services/CS Electronic Library/Children's Services AccountancyTeam/Budgets/School Budgets/2014-15Budgets/Jan 2014](#)

This funding will be transferred to your school via either a journal transfer on 1 April 2014 and 1 April 2015, or by a bank credit transfer, if you are a non Agresso Dudley school or academy.

- **Further Details**

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