



Directorate of Children's Services
Budget Fact Sheet

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- **Dedicated School Grant (DSG) 2014/15**

The DfE announced the DSG funding for 2014/15 on 18 December 2013.

The **Schools Block**, which funds Dudley's mainstream schools including Academy Schools, has decreased by £856k due to 192 fewer pupils in Dudley schools at October 2013 school census date. Also the responsibility for Carbon Reduction Commitment tax for schools will pass over to central government from 2014/15 and a reduction of £522k has been made to Dudley's DSG to reflect this adjustment.

The **Early Years Block** is provisional and based on lagged early years data of January 2013 together with additional funding of £1.8m to reflect the local authority's increased responsibility for providing nursery provision for 2 year old children in disadvantaged areas.

The **High Needs Block** funding is provisional at 2013/14 values and the DfE will announce the final funding allocation in March 2014 when the place planning return exercise, which was submitted by Dudley on 19 December, has been moderated in preparation for September 2014 places.

Funding updates will be presented to Schools Forum at the January, February and March 2014 meetings and the reports will be available via the Schools Forum website.

- **Dudley's Local Funding Formula for 2014/15**

Dudley's Local Authority Funding Reform Pro-forma for 2014/15 mainstream school funding was submitted to the Education Funding Agency (EFA) for scrutiny by the statutory deadline of 31 October 2013 and confirmation was received on the 8 November to advise that this adheres to the Financial Regulations and satisfies the EFA criteria. The final pro-forma for Dudley based on October 2013 School Census data will be submitted by the statutory deadline of 21 January 2014.

- **School Budgets for 2014/15**

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

Funding for each special school, Pupil Referral Unit and nursery provision must be determined by 31 March 2014.

- **Pupil Premium 2013/14 and 2014/15**

On 12 December the government confirmed that for 2013/14 the Pupil Premium for primary age pupils will increase to £953 (remain at £900 for secondary pupils).

For 2014/15 the Pupil Premium will be paid as follows 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.

<https://www.education.gov.uk/schools/pupilsupport/premium>

- **De-delegation Decisions 2014/15**

Schools Forum met on 16 December 2013 and the following decisions have been made regarding de-delegation of funding for 2014/15 in respect of maintained mainstream schools.

De-delegation of Funding (both Primary and Secondary schools)

- Contingencies - closed schools and rental payments.
- Staff costs - supply cover – Union Facilities time (subject to review within Dudley for 2015/16).
- Staff costs - supply cover – NQT (Newly Qualified Teachers).
- Support for minority ethnic pupils/underachieving groups. Family Support Workers.
- LACES (Looked After Children Education Services).

De-delegation of funding (primary schools only)

- School Library Service (Primary sector have decided that the shortfall in the library service funding as a result of the secondary sector decision not to de-delegate will be covered by the primary sector.)
- Behavioural Pupil Referral Unit – Primary Outreach Service.

The funding for all of the above services in respect of Nursery schools is retained centrally as permitted by the School Finance Regulations.

Academy schools and special schools may have the opportunity to enter into a traded services agreement in respect of the above services.

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

The employer's contribution rates for the above will increase and the latest revised rates are:

- 2014/15 17.3%
- 2015/16 18.7%
- 2016/17 20.3%

- **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. However, no further details regarding this revenue funding have been announced.

Details on the capital funding were announced on 18 December 2013 and Dudley will receive a capital allocation of £855k (including £81k in respect of VA schools) to spend on improving kitchen and dining facilities in schools.

- **Dudley's Schools Forum**

A Schools Forum internet website for Dudley is now available.

<http://www.dudley.gov.uk/community/community-forums/dudley-schools-forum/>

- **Further Details**

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