

DUDLEY SCHOOLS FORUM

TUESDAY 18TH MARCH, 2014

AT 6.00PM
AT SALTWELLS EDUCATION
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7th March, 2014

Dear Member

REVISED AGENDA

Dudley Schools Forum – Tuesday 18th March, 2014

You are requested to attend a meeting of the Dudley Schools Forum, which will be held at Saltwells Education Development Centre, Bowling Green Road, Netherton, Dudley, DY2 9LY on Tuesday 18th March, 2014 at 6.00 pm, to consider the business set out in the Agenda below.

Light refreshments will be available from 5.30 pm.

Yours sincerely

Director of Corporate Resources

Distribution:-

All Members of the Dudley Schools Forum, namely:-

Mr Bate	Mrs Belcher	Mr Conway	Mr Dallaway	Mr Derham
Mrs Garratt	Mr Harris	Mrs Hannaway	Mr B Jones	Mr Kelleher
Mr Kirk	Mr Nesbitt	Mr Patterson	Mr Platford	Mrs Quigley
Mr Ridley	Ms P Rogers	Mrs Ruffles	Mr Shaw	Mr Ward
Mr Warren	Mr Weaver	Mrs Withers	Mrs Wylie	

c.c - Councillor Crumpton – Cabinet Member for Integrated Children’s Services;
Councillor Marrey – Chair of the Children’s Services Scrutiny Committee;
Pauline Sharratt – Interim Director of Children’s Services;
Huw Powell/Trish Brittain – Acting Assistant Director of Children’s Services;
Ian McGuff – Assistant Director of Children’s Services;
Karen Cocker – Children’s Services Finance Manager, Directorate of Corporate Resources;
Sue Coates – Principal Accountant, Directorate of Corporate Resources.



AGENDA

1. INTRODUCTIONS BY THE CHAIR

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence from the meeting.

3. APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

To report the appointment of any substitutes for this meeting of the Forum.

4. MINUTES

To approve as a correct record and sign the minutes of the meeting of the Forum held on 25th February, 2014 (attached).

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Any other matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting of the Forum held on 25th February, 2014 not included on the agenda for this meeting.

6. EDUCATION FUNDING AGENCY (EFA) REPRESENTATIVE

Please note that Mr Keith Howkins will be in attendance at the meeting as an observer.

7. SCHOOLS FORUM MEMBERSHIP UPDATE (PAGES 1 – 5)

To consider the report of the Interim Director of Children's Services.

8. DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT PLANNING PROCESS 2014/15 – FINAL UPDATE (PAGES 6 - 16)

To consider the report of the Interim Director of Children's Services.

9. CONSULTATION ON SCHOOL FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2015/16 (PAGES 17 - 20)

To consider the report of the Interim Director of Children's Services.

10. BUDGET FACT SHEET NUMBER 2 – FEBRUARY 2014 (PAGES 21 – 30)

To consider the report of the Interim Director of Children's Services.

11. SCHOOLS FORUM TRAINING

To receive a verbal update from the Interim Director of Children's Services.

12. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

3rd June, 2014

Saltwells EDC, Bowling Green
Road, Netherton, DY2 4LY

8th July, 2014

Saltwells EDC, Bowling Green
Road, Netherton, DY2 4LY

DUDLEY SCHOOLS FORUM

Tuesday 25th February, 2014 at 6.00 pm
at Saltwells Education Development Centre,
Bowling Green Road, Netherton, Dudley

PRESENT:-

Mr Ridley – Chair

Mr Patterson – Vice-Chair

Mr Bate, Mrs Belcher, Mr Conway, Mr Derham, Mr Kelleher, Mr Kirk, Mr Platford, Ms Rogers, Mrs Ruffles, Mr Shaw, Mr Ward, Mr Warren, Mr Weaver, Mrs Withers and Mrs Wylie.

Person(s) not a member of the Forum but having an entitlement to attend meetings and speak

The Interim Director of Children's Services

Also in attendance

Cabinet Member for Children's Services and Lifelong Learning; Acting Assistant Director of Children's Services (Education Services), General Manager (Catering and Client) (Both Directorate of Children's Services); Children's Services Finance Manager, Senior Principal Accountant and the Assistant Democratic Services Officer (Directorate of Corporate Resources).

1. INTRODUCTIONS BY THE CHAIR

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received on behalf of Mrs Garrett, Mr Harris, Mr Nesbitt and Mrs Quigley.

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That, the minutes of the meeting of the Schools Forum held on 21st January, 2014, be approved as a correct record and signed.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

No matters were raised under this agenda item.

5. UNIVERSAL FREE SCHOOL MEALS FOR INFANTS

A report of the Interim Director of Children's Services was submitted in respect of the universal free school meals grant for infants.

The Children's Services Finance Manager presented the report and referred to the two letters issued by the Department for Education (DfE) addressed to Directors and Headteachers, attached as Appendices A and B to the report submitted, confirming the implementation of the universal free school meals initiative from September 2014.

It was stated that a flat rate of £2.30 per meal would be allocated to schools based on actual take-up by newly eligible infant pupils and that free school meals for deprived infants would continue using the current formula.

A working group comprising Headteachers, Catering Services and relevant officers had been established to discuss and consider future implications of implementing the initiative in Dudley's schools and to identify the possible issues for each individual school.

In response to a question raised by a Primary School Governor in relation to paragraph 5 of the report submitted, the Children's Services Finance Manager stated that the reference to a 'small school' had not been defined by the DfE, but it was assumed that this would refer to a small rural school and not a small Dudley School.

The Children's Services Finance Manager stated that the DfE had acknowledged Schools concerns in relation to the impact this change would have on the pupil premium, but no details to date had been provided on how the appropriate data would be collated, but Schools were to be assured that pupil premium for children from disadvantaged backgrounds would continue to be allocated for 2014/15.

With reference to paragraphs 12 to 14 of the report submitted in relation to the capital funding allocated to Dudley to implement the initiative, it was stated that the newly established working group would also consider the priorities for allocating the capital funding to those schools that needed it the most.

The Vice-Chair informed members that Ian Austin MP for Dudley North and Margot James MP for Stourbridge had both written to Central Government expressing Schools concerns and criticising the DfE for the lack of information that had been provided in relation to the scheme. He also referred to the possibility of the initiative being implemented through to year 6 and expressed the need for a clear statement from the DfE so that schools were aware and could adapt and make future plans as necessary.

The General Manager (Catering and Client) was in attendance at the meeting and stated that there were a small number of schools that may experience difficulties in adapting their kitchen facilities in time for September, but work would continue with Building and Estate services to endeavour to meet the implementation deadline. It was understood that all schools would have to consider adopting different ways of operating, but a briefing session to discuss these issues would be held for all Headteachers in March 2014. It was projected that there would be a 75% uptake of the scheme from September 2014.

Primary School Headteachers reiterated that plans to provide two or three lunch time meal sittings would be developed to cater for the increase in infants having a meal, but concerns were raised in relation to the impact this would have on the increase in time and pay for catering staff to service this. It was however considered that the scheme would be of benefit to the children and that all eligible children should be encouraged to opt in to the scheme.

In response to a question raised by a Primary School Governor, the Senior Principal Accountant stated that it was still unclear as to how the DfE would be collating data in relation to the provision of the grant but it was indicated that the data would be extracted from Schools Census returns and therefore it was vital that these were completed correctly to ensure that the relevant amount of grant was allocated to each School.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the revenue funding for the universal free school meals for infants from September 2014, available over the next two years, announced at £2.30 per meal based on actual take-up by newly eligible infant pupils, be noted.
- (2) That the capital funding in respect of the universal infant free school meals for Dudley maintained schools, confirmed at £855,308 for 2014/15, be noted.

- (3) That the further detail in relation to how the pupil premium is allocated in the longer term be submitted to a future meeting for information, following receipt from the DfE.
- (4) That a further report be submitted to a future meeting in respect of the impact of the DfE initiative upon schools.

6. EARLY YEARS FUNDING FOR TWO, THREE AND FOUR YEAR OLDS

A report of the Interim Director of Children's Services was submitted in relation to the Early Years Single Funding Formula (EYSFF) and hourly rates of funding for 2014/15.

In presenting the report, the Senior Principal Accountant confirmed that this report had been discussed at the Budget Working Group on 14th February, 2014 and representatives of that group had endorsed the proposals. However, in relation to the funding for two year olds, the decision was subject to a future report being submitted in relation to the impact of the work of family support workers.

A Secondary Headteacher representative raised concern in relation to the £250,000 required to provide all maintained nursery classes and the PVI Sector with a 7p increase to the hourly rate that was currently paid, was to be funded from the Higher Needs Block and asked if this would impact the funding received by Secondary Schools to support statemented children. The Senior Principal Accountant stated that there would be no direct impact to Secondary Schools as funding would remain the same for 2014/15 and that this would be funded from an under spend within that particular block.

The Children's Services Finance Manager stated that this would be reviewed annually and reminded members of the current financial pressures and stated that if one Dedicated Schools Grant block was to overspend, this would need to be recouped from another block, in consultation with the Forum.

Arising from a question raised, the Children's Services Finance Manager stated that there was a concern that PVI providers would withdraw their offer of Early Education funded places if they did not receive an increase in the hourly rate paid, which would be an issue for the Local Authority as they had a responsibility to provide this provision. It was considered that a 7p increase was all that was affordable at the current time and it was fortunate that there had been an under spend within the Higher Needs Block to enable this to be funded.

A Primary Headteacher referred to the 39p retained from the funding for free target early education for two year olds to provide additional support through family support workers and expressed her concern as to how this was at a considerably higher rate than the 7p increase proposed for the PVI providers who were struggling to continue on the rate currently paid and who provided an equally important service. The Children's Services Finance Manager stated that this would continue to be reviewed and considered through the Budget Working Group.

A Primary School Governor representative agreed with the comments made at the Budget Working Group meeting on 14th February endorsing the proposals in principle but requested that a report be submitted to a future forum meeting, in relation to the impact of the work of family support workers.

RESOLVED

- (1) That, subject to a future report in relation to the impact of the work of family support workers being submitted to Schools Forum in the Summer term, the Interim Director of Children's Services be recommended to approve the Early Years Single Funding Formula hourly rate for disadvantaged two year olds for 2014/15, as outlined in paragraph 6 of the report submitted.
- (2) That the Interim Director of Children's Services be recommended to approve the Early Years Single Funding Formula hourly rate for 2014/15 for three and four year olds, as outlined in paragraph 14 of the report submitted.

7. DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT PLANNING PROCESS 2014/15 – UPDATE

A report of the Interim Director of Children's Services was submitted in relation to the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) budget planning process and to agree the Central Expenditure Budgets for 2014/15.

A discussion was had in relation to the retraction of the Carbon Reduction Commitment (CRC) budget from the Local Authorities control and concerns were raised as to whether a direct bill from Central Government would be received in the future. The Children's Services Finance Manager stated that this would be unlikely, but if it was to happen the Government would be required to re-instate the CRC budget.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the central expenditure budgets for 2014/15, as detailed in table 2 of the report submitted, be approved.
- (2) That the central expenditure budgets for 2014/15, as detailed in table 3 of the report submitted, be approved.
- (3) That the final de-delegations budget for 2014/15, as detailed in table 4 of the report submitted, be noted.

8. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

RESOLVED

That the dates of future meetings be noted.

The meeting ended at 7.10 pm.

CHAIR

Schools Forum 18 March 2014

Report of the Interim Director of Children's Services

Schools Forum Membership Update

Purpose of Report

1. To provide Schools Forum with a membership update.

Budget Working Group Discussed

2. No.

Schools Forum Role and Responsibilities

3. Schools Forum is responsible for ensuring that the constitution and membership meet the legislative requirements detailed in the School Forum (England) Regulations 2012, which were effective from 1 October 2012.

Action for Schools Forum

4. To note the updated position in respect of the membership of Dudley's Schools Forum as detailed in Appendix A.

Attachments to Report

5. Appendix A – Dudley Schools Forum current membership

Karen Cocker
Children's Services Finance Manager
4 March 2014

Schools Forum 18 March 2014

Report of the Interim Director of Children's Services

Schools Forum Membership Update

Purpose of Report

1. To provide Schools Forum with a membership update.

Schools Forum Membership Update

2. Schools Forum Constitution allows for 29 members.
3. The Early Years Provider representative, Mrs A. Richards has resigned from her role on Schools Forum on 14 January 2014 due to ill health and will be replaced by Mrs N. Jones (Hasbury Pre School). This post will be for the remainder of the existing three year term of office to expire 30 April 2015.
4. There are currently four vacancies and five member posts which are due for re-election.

Vacancies

- Two new Academy School members from 1 January 2014. The closing date for nominations from the Academy Schools was 22 November 2013. As there were no nominations received the vacancies have been held over until the next opportunity for nominations in the Spring term 2014.
- One Primary School Governor vacancy to replace Mrs T Pearce from Central Dudley who resigned on 20 January 2014.
- One existing vacancy from the Catholic Schools Commission, nominated by the Commission. The Catholic Schools Commission has been contacted but has been unable to put forward a representative for this post which has been vacant for some time.

Re-elections

- Two Primary Governors posts for re-election in the North Dudley and Stourbridge township.
 - Two Secondary Governors posts for re-election from Halesowen and Stourbridge.
 - One Academy School representative for re-election post currently held by the High Arcal School.
5. Elections in respect of the four vacancies listed above, together with the five posts due for re-election before 30 April 2014, as indicated in Appendix A, have commenced.

Finance

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

Law

9. 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

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

Recommendation

- To note the contents of the report provided in respect of the Membership update and the details attached at Appendix A.



Pauline Sharratt

Interim Director of Children's Services

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SCHOOLS FORUM MEMBERSHIP at 1.3.14

APPENDIX A

SCHOOL MEMBERS	DUDLEY SCHOOLS FORUM CONSTITUTION	GOVERNORS/ACADEMY AND NON SCHOOLS - 3 years term of office			Date of Appointment	HEADTEACHERS - 3 Year Term of Office		
		1 May 2011 to 30 April 2014	1 May 2012 to 30 April 2015	1 May 2013 to 30 April 2016		1 November 2011 to 31 October 2014	1 November 2012 to 31 October 2015	1 November 2013 to 31 October 2016
<u>Nursery School Headteachers</u>	<u>One nursery headteacher</u>							
<u>Netherton Park Nursery</u>	Mrs Helen Ruffles, Netherton Park Children's Centre, Netherton, Dudley DY2 9QF				Nov-13			√
<u>Primary School Headteachers</u>	<u>One primary school headteacher for each of the five townships</u>							
Brierley Hill	Mr Brad Jones, Brockmoor Primary School, Brierley Hill, Dudley, DY5 3UZ				Nov-13			√
Central Dudley	Mr Damien Ward, Sledmere Primary, The School Drive, Buffery Road, Dudley, DY2 8EH				Oct-12		√	
Halesowen	M/s Pauline Rogers, St Margaret's at Hasbury Church of England Primary School, Hagley Road, Hasbury, Halesowen, B63 4QD				Oct-12		√	
North Dudley	Mrs Ruth Wylie, Wrens Nest Primary School, Marigold Crescent, Dudley, DY1 3NX				Jan-14			√
Stourbridge	Mrs J Quigley, Wollescote Primary School, Drummond Road, Wollescote, Stourbridge, DY9 8YA				Jun-12	√		
<u>Primary School Governors</u>	<u>One primary school governor for each of the five townships</u>							
Brierley Hill	Mr Len Ridley, The Dingle Primary School			√	May-13			
Central Dudley	Vacancy - Resigned 21.1.14 ExMs T Pearce, Northfield Road Primary School		√		May-12			
Halesowen	Mr Mike Weaver, Our Lady and St Kenelm Catholic School, Bundle Hill, Halesowen, West Midlands, B63 4AR		√		Oct-12			
North Dudley	Mr Phillip Harris, Christ Church Primary School	√			May-11			
Stourbridge	Mrs Jill Belcher, Peters Hill Primary School, Peters Hill Road, Amblecote, Brierley Hill, West Midlands, DY5 2QH	√			Oct-12			
<u>Secondary School Headteachers</u>	<u>One secondary school headteacher for each of the five townships - up to a maximum of three</u>							
Brierley Hill	Mr Ben Warren, The Summerhill School, Lodge Lane, Kingswinford, DY6 9XE				Feb-12	√		
Central Dudley	Mrs April Garratt, Hillcrest School and Community College, Simms Lane, Dudley, DY2 0PB				Nov-13			√
Halesowen	Mr Neil Shaw, Leasowes Community College, Kent Road, Halesowen, B62 8PJ				Oct-12		√	
North Dudley	Dormant township until next elections (ex M Elwiss)							
Stourbridge	Dormant township until next elections (ex P Jones)							
<u>Secondary School Governors</u>	<u>One secondary school governor for each of the five townships up to a maximum of three</u>							
Brierley Hill	Dormant township until next elections							

<u>SCHOOL MEMBERS</u>	<u>DUDLEY SCHOOLS FORUM CONSTITUTION</u>	1 May 2011 to 30 April 2014	1 May 2012 to 30 April 2015	1 May 2013 to 30 April 2016	Date of Appointment	1 November 2011 to 31 October 2014	1 November 2012 to 31 October 2015	1 November 2013 to 31 October 2016
Central Dudley	Mr Brian Patterson , Hillcrest Secondary School			√	May-13			
Halesowen	Mrs Gill Withers, Leasowes Secondary School	√			May-11			
North Dudley	Dormant township until next elections							
Stourbridge	Mr Jim Conway, Ridgewood High School	√			May-11			
Special School Headteacher	One special school headteacher for all townships							
All townships	Mr David Kirk, Rosewood School, Bell Street, Coseley, West Midlands, WV14 8XJ				Oct-12		√	
Special School Governor	One special school governor for all townships							
All townships	Mr Ivan Dallaway, Pensmeadow School		√		Mar-12			
ACADEMY MEMBER								
1 Representative	Mr S Platford, Deputy Headteacher at High Arcal school	√			Apr-13			
1 Representative	Mr Joe Kelleher, (Parent Governor The Earls High School)		√		Nov-12			
1 Representative	Vacancy from 1.1.2014. No nominations Dec 2013. On hold until 2014 elections			√				
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Pupil Referral Units								
All PRUs	Chris Derham - PRU Manager				Oct-12		√	
NON SCHOOL MEMBERS	Representatives from Bodies Approved By Schools Forum							
Unions and Professional Associations, nominated by the staff side of the Directorate Joint Consultative Committee	Mr P Nesbitt, Dudley National Union of Teachers, The Kahan Centre, High Street, Kingswinford, DY6 8AP			√	May-13			
Worcester Diocesan Board of Education, nominated by the Board	Mrs Angela Hannaway , Headteacher, Halesowen CE Primary, High Street, Halesowen, B63 3BB		√		Nov-12			
Catholic Schools Commission, nominated by the Commission	Vacancy EX Mrs Brenda Beale , (ex headteacher St Josephs Primary School, Stourbridge)				May-10			
Early Years Provider Reference Group, nominated by the Group	Mrs N Jones, Hasbury Pre-school, - Hagley Road, Halesowen B62 4QD		√		Mar-14			
Dudley 16-19 FE Providers	Mr Keith Bate, Principal of Halesowen College, Whittingham Road, Halesowen, B63 3NA				Jan-14			

Schools Forum 18 March 2014

Report of the Interim Director of Children's Services

Dedicated Schools Grant Planning Process 2014/15 – Final Update

Purpose of Report

1. To provide Schools Forum with a further update in respect of the Dedicated Schools Grant budget planning process for 2014/15 and to carry out the annual consultation on financial issues, as required by the Schools Forums (England) Regulations 2012.

Discussed at HTCF – BWG

2. Yes –14 March 2014.

Schools Forum Role and Responsibilities

3. From 1 April 2006, the Schools Budget has been funded by a direct Department for Education (DfE) grant: the Dedicated School Grant (DSG).
4. The Forum is the 'guardian' of the local Schools Budget, and its distribution among schools and other bodies, and therefore must be closely involved throughout the development process
5. The Schools Forum Regulations 2012 include the consultation on financial issues. Where the authority must consult the Schools Forum annually in respect of the authority's functions relating to the schools budget, in connection with the following—
 - arrangements for the education of pupils with special educational needs;
 - arrangements for the use of pupil referral units and the education of children otherwise than at school;
 - arrangements for early years provision;
 - administrative arrangements for the allocation of central government grants paid to schools via the authority.

The authority may consult the forum on such other matters concerning the funding of schools as they see fit.

Actions for Schools Forum

6. To note the updated information in respect of the DSG to include the movement of funds between the three blocks for 2014/15 and the information in respect of annual consultation on financial issues for the 2014/15 financial year.

Attachments to Report

7. None.

Karen Cocker
Children's Services Finance Manager
4 March 2014

Schools Forum 18 March 2014

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Background Consultation

2. The DSG can only be used for the purposes of the Schools Budget as defined in the School and Early Years Finance Regulations.
3. The Schools Budget consists of delegated budgets allocated to individual schools, Pupil Referral Units (PRUs) and Early Years Provision in Private, Voluntary and Independent (PVI) providers, a budget for other provision for pupils which local authorities fund centrally, which now includes the major element of high needs provision, including post-school provision up to age 25, together with centrally retained expenditure in respect of special education needs and early years services.
4. The DfE present the DSG is in three un-ring fenced funding blocks for the local authority:
 - Schools Block;
 - Early Years Block; and
 - High Needs Block
5. For 2014/15 the central expenditure controls remain a requirement for Schools Forum to approve. Local Authorities are free to move funding between the blocks provided that they comply with requirements of the Minimum Funding Guarantee (MFG) and central expenditure limits /regulations.
6. Mainstream school budgets have now been issued for 2014/15. There is a requirement to issue special schools, PRUs and Early Years providers with a budget by 31 March 2014.

DSG Budget Update for 2014/15

7. At the time of preparing the report, there have been no further DfE adjustments to the 2014/15 Dedicated Schools Grant since the January report to Forum although

the high needs block adjustment is expected before 31 March and a further update in respect of Table 1 will be issued at the meeting on 18 March. The two funding adjustments outstanding are detailed below:

- i. Early Years Block will be amended in the Summer of 2014 and Spring 2015 for updated pupil census data.
 - ii. Post 16 SEN and 19-24 Learning Difficulties and Disabilities (LDD) budget of £1.352m is still awaiting final confirmation together with any funding adjustments resulting from the planned place return submitted to the DfE in December 2013.
8. In preparation for the 2014/15 financial year and the budget allocation within the three funding blocks, Table 1 details the estimated funding required in each block. This will be reviewed during 2014/15 and any further proposals to move funds between blocks will be outlined to Schools Forum.

Table 1 -Dudley Dedicated Schools Grant 2014/15 at 4 March 2014

	Pupil Data	Unit of Funding	Schools Block £m	Early Years Block £m	High Needs Block £m
Total Funding Pupil Led	42,822	£4,459.29	190.956		
Total Funding Pupil Led	2,788	£3,650.97		10.179	
Newly Qualified Teachers			0.065		
Carbon Reduction Commitment Tax DfE budget adjustment			-0.507	-0.015	
2 Year Olds Early Education Provider funding				4.144	
2 Year Olds Early Education Trajectory funding				0.506	
Baseline Funding					27.913
Post 16 Schools SEN Funding					0.690
Provisional Post 16 SEN and 19-25 LDD non school					1.352
Growth for planned places in the High Needs Block					
Virement Agreed 2013/14			1.350	-0.263	-1.087
Virement 2014/15			0.014	0.226	-0.240
Provisional 2014/15 DSG Budget			£191.878	£14.777	£28.628
Provisional Total 2014/15			£235.283m		

9. The virements for 2014/15 summarised in Table 1 relate to:
- Schools Block – Funding additional placements in independent schools for non-SEN pupils.
 - Early Years Block – Increasing the 3 and 4 year old nursery education provider rates requires an additional £250k , which is offset by the

- High Need Block – Funding the Schools Block and Early Years Block additional budget requirements detail above.

10. The provisional budget shown in Table 1 will be updated for the meeting on the 18 March 2014, assuming the DfE have made their final DSG announcements for 2014/15 by that date.

Annual Consultation Process

11. The Schools Forums (England) Regulations 2012 state that the Local Authority must consult with the Schools Forum annually in respect of the following financial issues in order that Schools Forum can give a view:

- Arrangements for pupils with special educational needs;
- Arrangements for use of pupil referral units and the education of children otherwise than at school;
- Arrangements for early years provision;
- Administration arrangements for the allocation of central government grants.

12. A summary of each of the key areas is outlined below in order that Forum Members can give a view, as required under the 2012 Regulations.

Arrangements for Pupils with Special Educational Needs (SEN)

13. There have been and still remain a number of changes both nationally and locally impacting on the arrangements for pupils with SEN.

14. The immediate impact arising from the DfE School Funding Reforms changed the funding for all high needs SEN pupils from April 2013.

- For educational establishments with a planned place arrangement, such as special schools, Pupil Referral Units, SEN Resource Units, Post 16 FE and LDD, then a place- plus top up funding basis is used.
- For a mainstream pupil with high needs SEN, the school receive additional funding on a top up basis, which is in addition to the delegated budget.

15. The new funding methodology is based on a real time funding approach using Dudley's banded framework which has been inflated by 1.2% for 2014/15.

16. Due to the real time funding approach this could mean that the High Needs Block budget is placed under financial pressure during the financial year. Dudley's experience for 2013/14 is that with careful planning and tight monitoring processes this has not been an issue, although other local authorities are experiencing an overspend in this area particularly in respect of post 16 SEN for further education. The Interim Director will continue to closely monitor this position.

17. The Government published the Children and Families Bill on 5 February 2013 which has now completed its Parliamentary process and is awaiting Royal Assent before it becomes law. This is expected to be mid-March when commencement dates for implementing the various provisions of the new legislation will be confirmed.

The Bill contains provisions for the biggest overhaul of the SEN system in thirty years and will introduce:

- integrated education, health and care plans for children and young people with the most complex special educational needs;
- extend rights and protections to 16 to 25-year-olds in further education and training; and
- introduce a new local offer to ensure that parents, children, young people and those who work with them can see the support that should be available to them.

18. The reforms place a number of new duties on councils which need to be fully costed and funded as new burdens. This means funding both implementation in 2014/15 (for which a £350k SEN reform grant has been allocated to Dudley) and supporting ongoing running costs. The LGA is calling for the Department for Education to make sure that there is sufficient funding to deliver the reforms. It is expected that these costs will be funded through the DSG.

19. Ofsted has also been asked to explore how local areas are preparing for the reforms and a small scale study involving 30 local authorities is taking place over the next two terms.

20. Since April 2013, pathfinder champions have provided support and advice to every area in every region, including workshops and tailored 1-1 support. The pathfinder champion programme has been extended until March 2015 to provide support and is available for all local areas during the critical period running up to September 2014, and beyond. Further information about the extended programme is expected to be announced before the end of next month.

Further details will be provided to Forum during 2014/15.

21. There are no changes proposed to Dudley's mechanism for funding SEN central services for:

- Counselling Service
- Visually Impaired Outreach Service
- Hearing Impaired Outreach Service
- Physical and Sensory Service
- Learning Support Service
- Autism Outreach Service
- Specialist Early Years Service
- Enhanced Nursery Provision

For the secondary Hearing Impaired Unit at Crestwood School, Forum were advised at the January 2014 meeting that the reduction in the number of

prescribed DfE places at the unit will not result in a reduction in funding to the Unit but it is part of an inclusion strategy for this sector of pupils.

Arrangements for use of Pupil Referral Units and the Education of Children Otherwise than at School

Pupil Referral Units

22. PRU provision is at The Mere KS1/2, Sycamore Centre KS3, Abberley Centre KS4 and Cherry Tree Learning Centre for home and hospital tuition.

23. As part of the DfE School Funding Reforms from 2013/14, there was a requirement for Dudley to review the structure of the Behavioural Pupil Referral Unit provision. A series of reports have been issued to Forum on this matter, with the latest update in December 2013.

Behavioural Pupil Referral Units

24. The Dudley behavioural PRU provision of 52 places is currently located across 3 sites. The Sycamore site and Abberley Street site provide provision for secondary aged pupils with the Mere site provision for primary aged pupils.

25. Since September 2013, the provision now has a single DfE registration (Sycamore Short Stay School) with an interim leadership and management structure in place that covers provision across the three sites. As part of the Dudley Town Accommodation strategy the Abberley Street site is due to close at the end of the spring term 2014 and to locate all secondary provision on the Sycamore site.

26. As part of the ongoing restructuring of the service it is anticipated that by September 2014 the primary provision will also be located on the Sycamore site. The move to locating all behaviour provision onto a single site is a key factor in ensuring a more cost effective service that incorporates a more flexible and targeted staffing resource.

27. Discussions have taken place with both Primary and Secondary colleagues to consider potential future working models of provision for permanently excluded pupils (centre based) and also outreach work. At secondary phase this discussion is still ongoing but Primary Heads have agreed to de- delegate the equivalent of a single primary pupil basic led funding amount of £3,124 per school in order to maintain the Mere outreach support for 2014/15. This will commence from the start of the financial year April 2014.

28. Given the new PRU funding model where only planned place Centre based work receives funding, it was extremely important that the Mere outreach work, which accounts for around 50% of the primary staffing and has been a contributing factor in preventing permanent exclusions across Dudley primary schools over the last three years, was retained.

Emotional and Medical Pupil Referral Units

29. There are no further DfE changes proposed for 2014/15 in the funding arrangements for Emotional and Medical PRUs. Therefore Cherry Tree Learning Centre will continue to be funded on a historical basis in respect of the 76 places until such time that the DfE review the funding arrangements for this provision.
30. New Management Committees have been established for both Cherry Tree Learning Centre and The Sycamore Short Stay School in line with new Governance requirements. The membership consists of school, community, Local Authority, staff and parent members. In line with DfE requirements they have fully delegated powers although in the case of the Sycamore Short Stay School the Local Authority has retained an overview given the budget deficit.
31. The DfE accepted that it may take longer than April 2013 to bring PRUs in line with the revised funding arrangements and allow LAs to provide additional financial support to PRUs on a contingency basis over and above the place plus top up funding approach. For 2014/15, it is estimated that financial support to the Behavioral PRU will be £105,198 which is a reduction from £271,300 in 2013/14, with a reduction to nil by 2015/16.

Alternative Provision

32. Dudley currently has a number of service level agreements for placements with external alternative providers which make provision for KS4 excluded pupils, where a pupil is not able to be educated within the maintained PRU provision. For 2014/15 these are due to increase:

Table 2

Alternative Provider	Places 2013/14	Places 2014/15
Dudley College	20 places	25 places
Newhall	10 places	10 places
St Thomas's Network	12 places	12 places
Stourbridge College	10 places	12 places
Wheels	17 places	25 places

Arrangements for Early Years Provision

33. The mental health and well being of early year's children is becoming a growing concern both nationally and locally and therefore educational advice and strategies for early intervention are being reviewed and developed within the Directorate in order to further support the early year's sector.

Administration Arrangements for the Allocation of Central Government Grants

34. All grants allocated to schools via the Local Authority from Central Government are based on the Government's set criteria. Schools are advised of the value of the grant for budget purposes in March with the actual cash being paid to the school when this has been received by the Local Authority.

Revenue Grants

Pupil Premium

35. The Pupil Premium is the most significant grant distributed to schools. This 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

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 current rates for 2013/14 are £953 for primary pupils and £900 for secondary pupils.

The grant is calculated using the DfE free school meals ever six data and the estimate of grant for Dudley maintained schools for 2014/15 is £11.8m.

Pupil Premium will also be allocated for children looked after for at least one day as recorded in the March 2013 Children Looked After Data Return (SSDA903) and aged 4 to 15 at 31 August 2012. This allocation will be updated and finalised in October 2014 based on the number of children looked after for at least one day as recorded in the March 2014 Return. The estimate of grant for Dudley maintained schools for 2014/15 is £1.034m

The Pupil Premium for 2014/15 will now 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). Confirmation of funding for 2014/15 is still awaited from the DfE.

The grant for Looked After Children (LAC) and Post LAC will be payable at £1,900 per pupil.

Year 7 Catch Up

36. Year 7 catch up grant funding - this was a new grant from 2012/13 until 2015 and Schools receive an additional premium of £500 for each Year 7 pupil who has not achieved at least level 4 in reading and/or maths (maximum £500 per pupil) at

Key Stage 2. The premium will be available to all state-funded schools with a Year 7 cohort, including PRUs and special schools. The grant for Dudley maintained schools is £0.242m in 2013/14. The allocation for 2014/15 will be confirmed by the DfE in February 2015.

PE And Sports

37. The PE and Sports Grant is available for three academic years 2013/14, 2014/15, and 2015/16. All schools with 17 or more eligible primary school pupils will receive £8,000 for the academic year 2013/14, plus a top-up of £5 per eligible pupil. Schools with 16 or fewer eligible pupils receive £500 per eligible pupil. For 2013/14 the grant for Dudley maintained schools is £0.752m. Further details are still awaited from the DfE in respect of funding for 2014/15 and 2015/16.

Post 16 Mainstream

38. Education Funding Agency – Post 16 Mainstream funding. The grant for 2013/14 was £2.4m in respect of three maintained schools. The EFA will advise Dudley of the 2014/15 allocation for Dudley schools by 31st March 2014.

Universal Free School Meal Grant for Infants

39. 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.

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.

Capital Grants

Devolved Formula Capital grant

40. Schools will continue to receive DFC for 2014/15. Dudley is responsible for the payment of DFC for all maintained schools excluding Voluntary Aided (VA) schools. As VA school premises are not within the ownership of a local authority then the DfE pay the grant directly to the VA school Governors. For 2014/15 Dudley will allocate DFC grant to schools of £784k based on rates shown in Table 3.

Table 3 –Devolved Formula Capital 2014/15

Type of school	Lump Sum	Per Pupil
£	£	£
Nursery and Primary	£4,000	£11.25
Secondary	£4,000	£16.88
Special schools and Pupil Referral Units.	£4,000	£33.75

Universal Free School Meal Grant for Infants

41. 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.

Finance

42. The funding of schools is prescribed by the Department for Education (DfE) through the School and Early Years Finance (England) Regulations 2013.

43. Schools Forums are regulated by the regulated by the Schools Forums (England) Regulations 2012.

44. From 1st April 2006, the Schools Budget has been funded by a direct grant; Dedicated School Grant (DSG).

Law

45. 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

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

Recommendation

47. Schools Forum to :

- Note the contents of the report and the movement of the 2014/15 Dedicated Schools Grant between the three funding blocks as detailed in Table 1 and paragraph 9;
- Give a view to the Interim Director of Children's Services in respect of the financial issues for:
 - Arrangements for pupils with special educational needs;
 - Arrangements for use of pupil referral units and the education of children otherwise than at school;
 - Arrangements for early years provision;
 - Administration arrangements for the allocation of central government grants.



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Schools Forum 18 March 2014

Report of the Interim Director of Children's Services

Consultation on School Funding Arrangements for 2015/16

Purpose of Report

1. To inform Schools Forum of the ongoing review of the funding arrangements for Dudley mainstream schools and proposed changes for 2015/16.

Budget Working Group Discussed

2. Yes – 14 March 2014.

Schools Forum Role and Responsibilities

3. A local authority must consult their Schools Forum and schools maintained by them about any proposed changes to the formula in relation to the factors and criteria taken into account and the methods, principles and rules adopted.
4. The Schools Forum Regulations 2012 at Regulation 11 prescribe that Schools Forum must inform the governing bodies of schools maintained by the authority of any consultation carried out by the authority, as soon as it reasonably can.
5. The Schools Forums (England) Regulations 2012 at Regulation 8(10) prescribe that Non-schools members, other than those who represent early years providers, must not vote on matters relating to the formulae to be used by the local authority to determine the amounts to be allocated to schools and early years providers in accordance with regulations made under sections 47 and 47a of the Act.

Action for Schools Forum

6. To note the proposed timetable of changes to the school funding arrangements for mainstream schools effective from April 2015.

Attachments to Report

7. None

Sue Coates
Senior Principal Accountant
3 March 2014

Schools Forum 18 March 2014

Report of the Interim Director of Children's Services

Consultation on School Funding Arrangements for 2015/16

Purpose of Report

1. To inform Schools Forum of the ongoing review of the funding arrangements for Dudley mainstream schools and proposed changes for 2015/16.

Background

2. Following full consultation with schools, Schools Forum on 24 October 2013 recommended to the Director of Children's Services the following proposed changes to school funding arrangements for mainstream schools effective from 1 April 2014.
 - To fund the Lump Sum for Primary schools at £130k and Secondary schools at £100k with re-allocation of funding released to pupils in KS3 and KS4 through the basic per pupil funding.
 - To implement the proposed change to methodology for identifying where additional funding is required by schools that receive insufficient funding to cover the first £6,000 of cost for High Needs pupils.
 - To fund 50% of the total cost of Minimum Funding Guarantee (MFG) from a claw back of gains for 2014/15.
 - Both the quantum and funding methodology for deprivation would be reviewed during 2014/15.
3. It was agreed that the funding of MFG from a clawback of gains would be reviewed for 2015/16 alongside a review of both the quantum and methodology for allocation of funding for deprivation.
4. The Headteachers Consultative Forum- Budget Working Group (HTCF-BWG) agreed a programme of work at their meeting on 14 February 2014 and will discuss the detailed financial modelling and benchmarking information at their meeting on 14 March 2014.
5. The financial models for funding the MFG from a clawback of gains that are being considered are as follows:
 - Option 1 – No change from 2014/15.
50% of MFG funded from a clawback of gains and 50% funded by all schools.
 - Option 2 – 25% of MFG funded from a clawback of gains and 75% funded by all schools.
 - Option 3 – No clawback of gains with MFG funded by all schools.

6. The recommendations from HTCF-BWG arising from this review will be presented to Schools Forum at their meeting on 3 June 2014 and any proposed changes to the Schools Funding arrangements for 2014/15 will be subject to consultation with all schools.
7. Details of the proposed timescales for this process are given in Table 1 below.

Table 1

Date	Action
14 March 2014	Detailed review and appraisal of funding models. Recommendations for consultation proposals from HTCF-BWG.
18 March 2014	Verbal update to Schools Forum.
12 May to 27 June 2014	Proposed Consultation period (6 weeks)
2 July 2014	Report outcomes of consultation to HTCF-BWG for recommendation to Schools Forum in September.
September 2014 Schools Forum meeting (date tbc)	Consider outcomes of consultation and recommendation from HTCF-BWG.
31 October 2014	Authority Pro-forma (APT) tool and Education Funding ProForma submitted to Education Funding Agency
28 February 2015	School Funding budgets issued to mainstream schools.
1 April 2015	Changes implemented.

Finance

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

Law

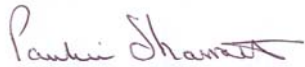
11. Councils' LMS Schemes are made under Section 48 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998. The Education Acts 1996 and 2002 also have provisions relating to school funding.

Equality Impact

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

Recommendation

13. Schools Forum members to note the ongoing review of the funding arrangements for Dudley mainstream schools and proposed changes for 2015/16.



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Schools Forum 18 March 2014

Report of the Interim Director of Children's Services

Budget Fact Sheet Number 2 – February 2014

Purpose of Report

1. To notify Schools Forum that Budget Fact Sheet number 2 has been issued to schools and to advise Forum in respect of the allocation of funding from the Dedicated Schools Grant reserve.

Discussed at HTCF – BWG

2. Yes –14 March 2014.

Schools Forum Role and Responsibilities

3. From 1 April 2006, the Schools Budget has been funded by a direct Department for Education (DfE) grant: the Dedicated School Grant (DSG).
4. The Forum is the 'guardian' of the local Schools Budget, and its distribution among schools and other bodies, and therefore must be closely involved throughout the development process

Actions for Schools Forum

5. To note the report and the information contained within budget fact sheet number 2 which was issued to schools on 18 February 2014.

Attachments to Report

6. Budget Fact Sheet number 2 – February 2014 – Appendix A.
7. Dedicated Schools Grant Reserve Allocations to schools – Appendix B.
8. Letter to school regarding catering charges from 2014/15 – Appendix C.

Karen Cocker
Children's Services Finance Manager
4 March 2014

Schools Forum 18 March 2014

Report of the Interim Director of Children's Services

Budget Fact Sheet Number 2 – February 2014

Purpose of Report

1. To notify Schools Forum that Budget Fact Sheet number 2 has been issued to schools and to advise Forum in respect of the allocation of funding from the Dedicated Schools Grant reserve.

Background

2. Budget Fact Sheets are issued regularly to all Dudley schools and a copy can be found on Dudley's Schools Forum website.
3. The Interim Director of Children's Services has agreed to make funds available to schools using the central Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) reserve. Therefore £1m will be distributed to all Dudley schools over a two year period of 2014/15 and 2015/16. Details are included at Appendix B
4. For those schools using Dudley catering services, then these 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 which is attached at Appendix C.
5. For those schools that do not purchase Dudley catering services then the funds can be utilised within the school to benefit all pupils.

Finance

6. The funding of schools is prescribed by the Department for Education (DfE) through the School and Early Years Finance (England) Regulations 2013.
7. Schools Forums are regulated by the regulated by the Schools Forums (England) Regulations 2012.
8. From 1st April 2006, the Schools Budget has been funded by a direct grant; Dedicated School Grant (DSG).
9. If an authority's actual spend on central expenditure is less than its central expenditure budget, the under-spend must be carried forward to support the Schools Budget in future years.

Law


10. 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

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

Recommendation

12. Schools Forum to note the contents of the report.



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Directorate of Children's Services

Budget Fact Sheet

APPENIDX 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:

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

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**

Please contact sue.coates@dudley.gov.uk or telephone 01384 814217.

Pauline Sharratt, Interim Director of Children's Services

ALLOCATION OF DSG RESERVE TO DUDLEY SCHOOLS FOR 2014/15 and 2015/16

Contact x4166

APPENDIX B

SCHOOL

DSG ALLOCATION 2014/15	DSG ALLOCATION 2015/16
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<u>DfE number</u>	<u>NURSERY</u>
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£	£
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1000 NETHERTON PARK

1,018	509
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TOTAL NURSERY SCHOOLS

1,018	509
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<u>PRIMARY SCHOOLS</u>

£	£
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5200	ALDER COPPICE	6,744	3,372
2123	AMBLECOTE	5,949	2,974
2141	ASHWOOD PARK	6,653	3,327
2151	BELLE VUE	5,387	2,694
2077	BLANFORD MERE	5,848	2,924
2000	BLOWERS GREEN	3,963	1,982
2001	BRAMFORD	5,094	2,547
2023	BRIERLEY HILL	2,905	1,452
2024	BROCKMOOR	5,496	2,748
2132	BROMLEY PENSNETT	5,574	2,787
2142	BROMLEY HILLS	4,445	2,222
2029	BROOK	5,437	2,718
2112	CASLON	4,647	2,324
3010	CHRISTCHURCH	6,064	3,032
3007	CHURCH OF ASCENSION	5,276	2,638
3359	C,E ST. EDMUND & ST. JOHN	3,599	1,799
2102	COLLEY LANE	8,248	4,124
2130	COTWALL END	5,091	2,545
3350	CRADLEY C.E	1,198	599
2072	CRESTWOOD PARK	3,401	1,700
2043	DAWLEY BROOK	5,061	2,530
2152	DINGLE COMMUNITY	2,334	1,167
2005	DUDLEY WOOD	6,395	3,197
2063	FAIRHAVEN	3,046	1,523
2068	FOXYARDS	5,488	2,744
2145	GIG MILL	5,090	2,545
2155	GLYNNE	4,896	2,448
2109	GREENFIELD	2,869	1,434
3352	HALESOWEN C.E	4,956	2,478
2125	HAM DINGLE	4,685	2,342
3052	ST MARGARETS AT HASBURY C.E	5,960	2,980
2143	HAWBUSH	5,618	2,809
2140	WOODSIDE	5,606	2,803
2156	HOB GREEN	6,819	3,409
2137	HOWLEY GRANGE	7,613	3,807
2116	HUNTINGTREE	5,982	2,991
2124	HURST GREEN	5,870	2,935
2148	HURST HILL	5,823	2,911
3306	JESSONS C.E	4,512	2,256

ALLOCATION OF DSG RESERVE TO DUDLEY SCHOOLS FOR 2014/15 and 2015/16

Contact x4166

APPENDIX B

	SCHOOL	DSG ALLOCATION 2014/15	DSG ALLOCATION 2015/16
2010	KATES HILL	6,103	3,051
2107	LAPAL	5,814	2,907
2120	LUTLEY	4,428	2,214
2035	MAIDENSBRIDGE	5,176	2,588
2139	MANOR WAY	5,768	2,884
2160	MILKING BANK	5,266	2,633
2036	MOUNT PLEASANT	5,962	2,981
2147	NETHERBROOK	4,414	2,207
3053	NETHERTON C.E	2,360	1,180
2138	NEWFIELD PARK	4,692	2,346
2012	NORTHFIELD ROAD	6,560	3,280
3050	OLDSWINFORD C.E	5,059	2,530
2106	OLIVE HILL	5,572	2,786
3357	OUR LADY & ST. KENELM	2,610	1,305
3354	PEDMORE C.E	2,874	1,437
2075	PETERS HILL	6,087	3,044
2154	PRIORY	7,043	3,521
2153	QUARRY BANK	6,219	3,110
2149	QUEEN VICTORIA	7,017	3,508
2052	RED HALL	5,598	2,799
2122	RIDGE	1,148	574
2144	ROBERTS	5,928	2,964
2118	RUFFORD	6,597	3,299
2136	RUSSELLS HALL	5,876	2,938
2004	SLEDMERE	3,796	1,898
3304	ST. CHADS R.C	5,556	2,778
3358	ST. JAMES'S C.E	5,314	2,657
3302	ST. JOSEPH'S R.C (Dudley)	2,219	1,110
3355	ST. JOSEPH'S R.C (Stour)	5,550	2,775
3008	ST. MARKS C.E	5,500	2,750
3009	ST. MARY'S C.E	5,731	2,865
3303	ST. MARY'S R.C	4,083	2,041
2150	STRAITS	4,624	2,312
2104	TENTERFIELDS	1,377	689
2067	THORNS	3,886	1,943
2048	WALLBROOK	5,014	2,507
2126	WITHYMOOR	5,994	2,997
2111	WOLLESCOTE	8,594	4,297
2146	WRENS NEST	9,641	4,820

TOTAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS	400,687	200,343
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SECONDARY SCHOOLS	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>
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4800	BISHOP MILNER	9,378	4,689
4612	CASTLE HIGH	11,394	5,697
4027	COSELEY	9,757	4,879
4025	CRESTWOOD	8,882	4,441
4023	DORMSTON	11,994	5,997
4106	EARLS HIGH	9,042	4,521

ALLOCATION OF DSG RESERVE TO DUDLEY SCHOOLS FOR 2014/15 and 2015/16

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APPENDIX B

SCHOOL		DSG ALLOCATION 2014/15	DSG ALLOCATION 2015/16
5401	ELLOWES	11,648	5,824
5403	HIGH ARCAL	8,660	4,330
4117	HILLCREST	11,567	5,784
5405	HOLLY HALL	8,234	4,117
5402	KINGSWINFORD	10,368	5,184
4110	LEASOWES HIGH	9,376	4,688
5400	OLDSWINFORD HOSPITAL	4,313	2,157
4105	PEDMORE TECH	10,283	5,142
4119	REDHILL	10,011	5,006
4121	RIDGEWOOD HIGH	9,276	4,638
4020	SUMMERHILL	11,671	5,836
4018	THORNS CC	13,758	6,879
5404	WINDSOR	16,284	8,142
4030	WORDSLEY	8,818	4,409
TOTAL SECONDARY SCHOOLS		204,716	102,358
SPECIAL SCHOOLS/PRU		<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>
7002	BRIER	9,123	4,562
7005	HALESBURY	2,584	1,292
7004	OLD PARK	7,206	3,603
7009	PENS MEADOW	2,528	1,264
7008	ROSEWOOD	6,248	3,124
7001	SUTTON	9,002	4,501
7003	WOODSETTON	2,289	1,145
1100	THE MERE	1,831	916
1102	CHERRY TREE LEARNING CENTRE	4,623	2,311
1104	SYCAMORE SECONDARY SHORT STAY SCHOOL	2,433	1,216
TOTAL SPECIAL/PRU SCHOOLS		47,867	23,933
TOTAL ALL SCHOOLS		654,288	327,144

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To all Headteachers

Dear Colleagues

Changes to Catering Charges for 2014/15

The effects of Pay and Grading implemented in April 2012 were significant to catering staff with an increase on hourly rates and the introduction of incremental pay scales.

The increase in salary costs have been funded by the Council during the financial years 2012/13 and 2013/14. Coupled with Catering and Client Services in house efficiency savings this has resulted in no schools seeing an increase in their catering charge since April 2012. However from 2014/15 full cost recovery of pay and grading is required from the traded service.

What this means to schools

Individual schools are charged on an actual performance related basis. Charges are determined each year by projecting income and expenditure whilst also allowing for an increase in line with inflation. However for the next financial year charges will increase in excess of inflation and this information will be detailed on the traded service take up pro forma which will be issued shortly for 2014/15.

To minimise the impact directly on schools a number of measures have been introduced to assist schools:

1. Pupil meal price increase from 28 April from £1.90 to £2.00
2. Some restructuring of the Department to reduce salary cost
3. Financial support from the Interim Director of Children's Services via the Dedicated Schools Grant. £1m is being made available to Dudley Schools over a 2 year period. The value of the financial support will equate to approximately 80% of the increased

catering costs to each school for 2014/15 and 40% of the increased cost for 2015/16. Further details will be issued in the next Budget Fact Sheet together with the allocation for each school and the method of payment.

At this stage Universal Infant Free Schools Meals from September 2014 have not been factored in. We are now aware that the allocation for these meals will be £2.30 for each meal based on actual take-up by newly eligible infant pupils which will be measured in the Schools Census from October 2014. Work is underway with a small task group and a briefing session is to be arranged during March with all primary school headteachers.

During the summer term (April – July) individual schools will be contacted to arrange meetings to discuss the details of their particular charge. However we wish to reassure you of our full commitment to ensuring the best possible value for money catering service for your school.

Yours sincerely



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Interim Director of Children's Services