

**Schools Forum 19 March 2013**

**Report of the Director of Children's Services**

**The Pupil Premium - Reporting**

**Purpose of Report**

1. To update Schools Forum members in respect of the recent publications issued by Ofsted which provide information, advice and guidance in respect of the Pupil Premium.

**Discussed at HTCF – BWG**

2. Yes –13 March 2013.

**Schools Forum Role and Responsibilities**

3. The Pupil Premium is a separate grant payable to schools by the DfE and is outside of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) arrangements. Therefore Schools Forum has no direct responsibilities in respect of the pupil premium grant.
4. The Forum is however the 'guardian' of the local Schools Budget which is funded by the DSG, and its distribution among schools and other bodies, and therefore must be closely involved throughout the development process.
5. Given that the pupil premium is the largest revenue funding stream available to schools after the DSG delegated budget funding it is useful for Schools Forum to be aware of the reporting requirements for schools, particularly in light of the requirement from September 2012 for schools to report on-line how they have used the pupil premium and the impact it has made on pupil attainment and progress.

**Actions for Schools Forum**

6. To note the latest information, advice and guidance issued by Ofsted in respect of the Pupil Premium.

**Attachments to Report**

7. Appendix A – Ofsted publication "The Pupil Premium - How schools are spending the funding January 2013".
8. Appendix B – Ofsted publication "Analysis and challenge tools for schools January 2013"

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**Background**

2. The Pupil Premium was introduced by the Coalition Government in April 2011 to provide 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.
3. The Pupil Premium was set at £600 per pupil and the Service Child Premium £250 per pupil for 2012/13 and these values have now been confirmed by the DfE at £900 and £300 respectively for 2013/14.

**Pupil Premium Reporting**

4. With effect from September 2012, schools are required to report on-line how they have used the pupil premium and the impact it has made on pupil attainment and progress. Whilst the DfE is clear that this information must be published on-line until now there has been no specific advice about how schools should report on the use and impact of the pupil premium. Ofsted ***"It is for schools to use their professional judgement and decide how they want to publish on-line details of their Pupil Premium allocation"***
5. At a recent Schools Forum meeting a Member enquired whether there were any examples of good practice on reporting of the pupil premium. This report seeks to advise Schools Forum of the relevant data which has recently been made available in response to that request. The data links included within this report will be circulated to all Dudley schools in the next Budget Fact Sheet.
6. On 11 February 2013 Ofsted's Chief Inspector of Schools stated *"A growing number of schools are now using their Pupil Premium funding effectively to raise*

*achievement levels among poorer pupils, however, a significant minority are still struggling to show how the money is making any meaningful impact in terms of narrowing the gap between pupils from low income and more affluent families”.*

7. At this time Ofsted published a report “*The Pupil Premium - How schools are spending the funding January 2013*”, which draws together some of the effective practice that Her Majesty’s Inspectors found during their visits in the Autumn term to 68 schools to see how effectively they were spending their Pupil Premium funding to maximise achievement.
8. A copy of the document *The Pupil Premium - How schools are spending the funding January 2013* is attached at Appendix A for reference and is available electronically at;  
<http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/resources/pupil-premium-how-schools-are-spending-funding-successfully-maximise-achievement>.
9. Ofsted have also published “*Analysis and challenge tools for schools January 2013*” containing toolkits which enable schools to;
  - Identify gaps in pupil achievement between Free School Meal (FSM) pupils and non-FSM pupils;
  - Reflect on strengths and priorities both reflected and not reflected in the above data, and
  - Create a planning and evaluation outline.
  - The toolkit also contains self review questions for Governing Bodies.
10. A copy of the document *Analysis and challenge tools for schools January 2013* is attached at Appendix B for reference and is available electronically at;  
<http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/resources/pupil-premium-analysis-and-challenge-tools-for-schools>

## **Finance**

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

## **Law**

14. 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**

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

### **Recommendation**

16. Schools Forum to note the latest guidance and publications issued by Ofsted in respect of the Pupil Premium:

- The Pupil Premium - How schools are spending the funding January 2013 (Appendix A); and
- Analysis and challenge tools for schools January 2013 (Appendix B).



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