



Directorate of Children's Services

Budget Fact Sheet

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Consultation Outcomes –Allocation of £4m from DSG Reserve 2015/15 and 2016/17

The additional one off funding to be allocated to schools through the Local Funding formula via the Lump Sum factor for mainstream schools will be allocated: primary, special, nursery schools and Pupil Referral Units £14,000 and secondary schools £38,500 in both 2015/16 and 2016/17.

The Directorate's priority for schools is to improve the attainment of vulnerable groups in order to narrow the achievement gap between vulnerable children and their peers. Schools are recommended to consider using their allocation from the reserve to help achieve this, for example using those interventions that have been highlighted in Ofsted guidance as being effective in narrowing the gap, namely:

- effective use of learning mentors; appropriate literacy and/or numeracy targeted support; ensuring good attendance; and providing strong careers information, advice and guidance.

Growth Fund 2015/16

Schools Forum in October approved the creation of a centrally retained Growth Fund Contingency for 2015/16. The purpose of this contingency will be to make funding available to those schools eligible based on the criteria and methodology approved.

Criteria:

Additional funding will be made available to Dudley schools in any of the circumstances:

- The local authority carries out a formal consultation and approves an increase in the capacity of a school in accordance with School Organisation legislation.
- The local authority requests schools to increase their published admission numbers (PAN) as necessary and publishes on behalf of maintained schools an increased PAN in accordance with the Schools Admissions Code.
- The local authority requests schools to admit significant additional pupils as a consequence of a school closure.
- The local authority requests a school to admit pupils above its PAN to meet localised demand.
- No allocation will be made to a school where the school admits over PAN at their own choice.

Methodology:

- Additional funding will be made available in relation to the actual increase in overall pupils (Reception to Year 6) at September 2015.
- The allocation will be based upon the AWPU (Age Weighted Pupil Unit) and will be relevant to the key stage for the pupils admitted to school. This will reflect the period September to March for maintained schools and from September to August for academy schools.

Proposals for 2015/16 De-delegated Services and Responses from the recent School Funding Arrangements for De-delegation Options Consultation

Five responses were received in respect of the recent local consultation. The responses have been discussed at Headteachers Consultative Forum – Budget Working Group (HTCF-BWG) at their meeting on 20th November 2014 and a final decision will be made on behalf of maintained primary and secondary schools at the Schools Forum meeting on 16th December 2014.

Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM)

Schools have received Initial allocations which will be updated during the Spring term to reflect pupil numbers included in the School Census at October 2014 and January 2015.

During January 2015 schools that purchase a service from Dudley Catering Services will be provided with a statement showing detail of the actual charges for provision of UIFSM in respect of the autumn term thereafter a statement will be provided to schools on a monthly basis in arrears.

The School Food Plan – (West Midlands)

Are advising local authorities of a new support package for schools worth £2,000. This is DfE funded to kick start school meal take up in junior, middle and secondary schools. The package includes training, action plans and expert regional support and is open to schools with take up below the national average. For further information contact:

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Pupil Premium 2014/15

2014/15 final allocation data is available on iDudley.

http://insidedudley/education/library/childrensservic_1/budgets_/schoolsbudgets_/201415budgets_/sept2014_/default.htm

2015/16

The government announcement in November 2014 confirmed that for 2015/16 the Pupil Premium will be £1,320 for each primary pupil and £935 for each secondary pupil which will continue to be based on Ever6 FSM. Schools will continue to receive £1,900 for pupils who are looked after or have left care through adoption or other circumstances.

Literacy and Numeracy Catch Up Premium for Year 7 pupils

This will be continued into 2015/16. The premium, for pupils from all backgrounds who do not reach the expected level 4 in reading or mathematics at key stage 2, enables schools to provide additional support to help them catch up with their classmates. Schools will receive £500 per eligible pupil.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/disadvantaged-primary-pupils-to-benefit-from-extra-225-million>

Early Years Pupil Premium.

A Pupil Premium of approximately £300 per year (£0.53 per hour) will be introduced for three and four year olds from low income families effective from April 2015. A child will be eligible if they are receiving 15 hours of Government funded early education, **and** meet one of the following criteria:

- Those families meeting the criteria for free school meals;
- Children that have been looked after for at least one day;
- Children that have been adopted from care;
- Children that have left care through special guardianship; and
- Children subject to a child arrangement order.

Funding will be allocated from April 2015 and will be based on pupils recorded on January 2015 School Census.

Redundancy in Schools – Standard Operating Procedure

The Standard Operating Procedure in respect of “The Funding and Responsibility for Redundancy and Related Early Retirement Costs Arising in Maintained Schools” has been reviewed and is effective from 1st September 2014. The document is available on iDudley:

[Education Services Electronic Library/Plans Policies and Guidance/ SOP/SOP –Redundancies in schools September 2014.](#)

VAT Treatment

A general reminder to schools regarding the treatment of items for VAT purposes:

- Contribution/Donation and grants should be a VAT code 8 (outside the scope) and not VAT code 7(exempt from VAT);
- When raising invoices to other Local Authority schools who do not use the Dudley Agresso system VAT code 8 should be used.
- The latest VAT Key Factsheet dated September 2014 is available on iDudley at : [Directorates / Finance, ICT and Procurement / Financial Services / Tax and VAT / Advice and Guidance / VAT Factsheet Sept 2014.](#)

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