

Report to: Schools Forum

Subject: Pupil Premium and Year 7 Catch Up Premium - 2013/14

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Purpose of report

1. The purpose of this report is to inform and update the Schools Forum regarding the levels and arrangements for ‘Pupil Premium’ and ‘Year 7 Literacy and Numeracy Catch-Up Premium’ in 2013/14

Recommendations

2. It is recommended that the Schools Forum note this report.

Premium Allocations

3. A new funding stream, Pupil Premium, was introduced in 2011/12 and was intended to provide additional support for specific pupils. The additional funding is given for children that receive free school meals in any of the last 6 years, Looked After Children and Children of Armed Forces personnel.
4. For 2013/14 eligibility for the premium relating to Children of Armed Forces personnel has been extended to include children whose parents have died in service and are in receipt of pensions under certain pension schemes. In addition, those children eligible for the Children of Armed Forces personnel premium in 2011-12 and/or 2012-13 who would otherwise no longer be covered by the premium will retain their eligibility in 2013-14.
5. A new Year 7 Literacy and Numeracy Catch-Up Premium (Year 7 Premium) has also been introduced in 2012/13. This provides a sum 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. It is intended that schools will deliver additional tuition or intensive support in small groups, helping bring pupils up to speed so that they are more likely to succeed at secondary school. The funding will not be ring-fenced for catch-up activities. The first payment was due at the end of January. Whilst there is a commitment to ongoing funding the total funding will vary from year to year depending on the Key Stage 2 results each year. There is no indicative funding level provided at this stage for the local authority in 2013/14.

6. The per pupil values for 2012/13 have varied throughout the year. Shown below are the 2013/14 notified levels in comparison with the latest 2012/13 level, together with indicative funding values for the Authority.

Pupil Premium funding stream	Value per pupil £	Portsmouth Total £'000's
Free School Meals Children	900 (623)	6,831
Looked After Children (provisional)	900 (623)	177
Service Children	300 (250)	214
Total for 2013/14		7,222
Year 7 "Catch up" Support	500 (500)	n/a

7. Pupil Premium funding for both Free School Meals and Service children is allocated to Local Authorities and must be distributed to schools based on the January census data. The Free School Meals premium is to be applied to children on roll that have received free meals within the past 6 years. This information is provided by the DfE and is verified by schools before the funding can be allocated.
8. Global allocations of funding for Looked After Children (LAC) are calculated differently and are based on the number of children who were in care for more than six months during the preceding financial year, therefore allocations will never exactly match the incidence in any year. The DfE has not specifically prescribed criteria for allocating funding to individual schools, and the Schools Forum have agreed to use the same basis as other funding streams i.e. based on the number of LAC pupils on roll at the January census date.
9. This would include providing funding, where appropriate, to schools outside of Portsmouth, if we have a child placed in a non-city school. It should be recognised that actual allocations to schools will not exactly match the global allocation each year and it is proposed that any shortfall or surplus should form part of the DSG balances.
10. Year 7 catch-up funding will initially be allocated on 2012 provisional Key Stage 2 data for those pupils in the current Year 7 cohort who did not achieve level 4 in reading and/or maths. Funding will then be allocated to the school where these pupils are in Year 7, based on autumn census information provided by schools.
11. In general the DfE identify the overall funding to be transferred to the Local Authority and transfer that in quarterly instalments. Once the DfE have confirmed the amounts for each school this is transferred to the school. Generally the sum for the whole year is transferred to the maintained school so that the school does not have to wait until the cash is received by the Local Authority.

Conclusion

12. Pupil Premium funding rates have been confirmed but the actual funding levels for the local authority and schools will not be available until the data returns have been analysed by the DfE. Funding will be transferred to schools once the DfE have confirmed the individual school amounts and these have been agreed to the fund transfer notification.