



Walsall Children's Services

Report to: Schools Forum

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Subject: Analysis of current Walsall formula factors which include Free School Meals to allocate funding.

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Purpose of the report: To remind Schools Forum members of how Free Schools Meals data is applied to the allocation of the Individual Schools Budget.

Recommendation: To note the content of the report, and to review these factors in light of the potential changes to the funding of schools in 2011-12, if required.

Summary of the use of Free School Meals data within the Funding Formula

The following factors allocate funding on the basis of the number or percentage of pupils eligible or taking up a free school meal:

Factor: SEN – Non pupil specific

Element: Additional Level 1 funding – supporting School Action Intensive

How data is used: The percentage of pupils in each school, eligible for free schools meals is identified, and schools receive the fixed sum attached to the % band they fall into. The bands are:

	Primary £	Secondary £
0 - 8%	12,497	56,237
9 - 19%	24,994	68,734
20 - 34%	31,243	81,231
35 - 49%	37,491	93,728
50% +	43,740	99,976

The % bands are the same for primary and secondary schools, however the fixed sums in secondary attract a higher value.

Factor: Deprivation Funding

Element: a per pupil allocation identifies the number of notionally deprived pupils. This number is defined as:

Number of pupils eligible for FSM (45% of total) + Number of non eligible FSM in 0-20 IDACI band (55% of total)

In 2010-11 the unit of resource per notionally deprived pupil was £277.

Factor: Personalised Learning

Element: Deprivation – this allocation is based on the number of pupils eligible for free school meals multiplied by an identified unit of resource. In 2010-11 the unit of resource was £267 for primary schools and £431 for secondary schools.

Factor: Free School Meals

Element: This element provides an allocation to schools for the purchase of free school meals and is based on the number of pupil recorded as taking a free meal on census day multiplied by an identified unit of resource. If a school buys into the local authority's catering DSO, this sum will be the amount recovered for your FSM catering provision. In 2010-11 the unit of resource was £329 for primary schools and £349 for secondary schools.