



Walsall Council

Walsall Children's Services

Report to:	Schools Forum
Date:	1 March 2011
Subject:	Financial Arrangements to Support the Transfer of Sneyd pupils during the closure period
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Purpose of the report:	To agree a funding mechanism to allow money to follow the pupils currently on roll at Sneyd to their destination Walsall schools in September 2011.
Recommendation:	To agree the proposal for money to follow pupils from Sneyd school, once it has closed, for the period September 2011 to March 2012.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 In March 2010 The Schools Forum agreed to an increase to the Schools Specific Contingency in 2010-11 in order for money to follow Year 9 pupils from Sneyd Community School, to their new school at the start of the next academic year as the children moved into Year 10.
- 1.2 A similar process will be required in September 2011, to allow money to follow the pupils currently on roll at Sneyd Community School in Years 8 and 9, to their new schools, once Sneyd Community School has officially closed on 31 August 2011.

2. Schools Specific Contingency 2011-12

- 2.1 January 2011 School Census recorded the following numbers of pupils on roll at Sneyd Community School:

Year 8 30 pupils

Year 9 25 pupils

All of these children will be accommodated in other local schools by the start of the 2011-12 academic year. Therefore, pupil related funding will need to be retained in the Schools Specific Contingency to permit the allocation of funding to the receiving schools, once the information has been confirmed via the October 2011 Census.

- 2.2 In April 2011 Sneyd Community School will receive a traditional budget plus mainstreamed grants, in respect of the last five months of operation, through to 31 August 2011. The remaining unallocated budget will fund the pupil related contingency of approximately £70,000 (in relation to the traditional budget sum) for transferring Year 8 and 9 pupils, with any unallocated sum remaining in the Individual Schools Budget (ISB) for distribution through the mainstream formula, or to meet any extraordinary costs identified and agreed.
- 2.3 For 2011-12 the per pupil funding for grants will also need to be taken into consideration for receiving schools, as this funding will be consolidated within the Dedicated Schools Grant from 1 April 2011. The average grant value per pupil transferring into Dedicated Schools Grant is £760 per pupil. The 7/12ths value of this sum is £443 per pupil and this will be added to the traditional budget funding referred to in paragraph 2.2. A sum of £24,000 is needed to fund this element. Any remaining grant sums will be reallocated to schools through the ISB formulae.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 Schools Forum is recommended to agree to the proposal for money to follow Sneyd Community School pupils from Years 8 and 9 to their destination Walsall schools in September 2011.
- 3.2 Schools Forum is asked to approve the retention of a sum of approximately £94,000 in the 2011-12 school specific contingency for this purpose. The sum comprises £70,000 for the traditional budget, plus approximately £24,000 for the new mainstreamed grants.
- 3.3 The Forum is asked to agree a potential breach of the central expenditure limit in respect of this contingency sum, if agreed.

Summary of Costings for Sneyd Pupils

Pro rata pupil allocation not received as transferred after Jan 10 Census

	<u>£</u>
Year 8	29,706.56
Year 9	35,470.06
Year 9 (arrived after Jan 11 census)	1,563.50
Year 11	5,380.29
Total Additional cost in 2010/11 -	72,120.41

Additional cost of coach put on for pupils

195 days @ £150 day	29,250.00
Contribution received	-10,000.00
Balance	<u>19,250.00</u>

Total Costs to School	91,370.41
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For information funding received for Sneyd Year 10

Year 10	42,613.12
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