



Walsall Council

Walsall Children's Services

Report to: Schools Forum

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Subject: Dedicated schools Grant Minimum Funding Levels - Walsall's Funding Formula for mainstream schools and academies for 2015-2016 (10b)

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Purpose of the report: To provide details of the funding factors to be used in the Walsall Schools Funding Formula 2015-16

Recommendations: To approve the funding factors to be used in the Walsall Funding Formula 2015-16

1. Pre-16 Funding Formula 2015-16

- 1.1 Where there are any proposed changes to the local funding formula Local authorities must consult with all maintained schools and academies in their area.
- 1.2 For 2015-16 there are no changes being proposed locally and therefore the factors to be used in the pre-16 funding formula will remain the same as those used in 2014-15.
- 1.3 School Funding Regulations for 2015-16 detail some minor changes in how a Sparsity factor can be used, however this is an optional funding factor and one that is not used in the Walsall funding formula.
- 1.4 All local authorities are required to submit their Authority Pro-forma Tool to the DfE by 31st October 2014. The pro-forma provides details of the funding formula the authority will use to allocate funding to its schools in 2015-16. The October pro-forma will be indicative only, in so far as that October 2013 pupil data will be used initially, with October 2014 pupil data being used on the final January 2015 submission.
- 1.5 It should be noted that although final allocations will be calculated using up-to date data, once the October 2014 submission has been made no changes can be made the funding factors identified.
- 1.6 As stated above the funding factors to be used in the pre-16 funding formula will remain as for 2014-15 and the details of these factors and allocation methodology are detailed over.

2. Recommendation:

- 2.1 Forum to approve the funding factors to be used in the Walsall Funding Formula 2015-16.

Walsall Funding Formula 2015 – 2016

Detail of allocation factors:

Factor		Indicator / Criteria / Data		
Basic Entitlement (AWPU)	Mandatory	October 2014 census. The 2015-16 funding requirements now prescribe the minimum value for AWPU – these values are £2,000 for primary age pupils and £3,000 for secondary.		
Deprivation	Mandatory	Indicator 1 - via Free School Meal %		
		Indicator 2 - IDACI score. The DfE match pupil records where the pupil's postcode is known and then placed into six bands. Only pupils with an IDACI score above 0.2 can be funded. This data will be taken from the October school census at pupil level and aggregated to school level.	Band 1	0.2 < 0.25
			Band 2	0.25 < 0.3
			Band 3	0.3 < 0.4
			Band 4	0.4 < 0.5
			Band 5	0.5 < 0.6
Band 6	0.6 < 1			
Lump Sum		£175,000 to both primary and secondary school. This is the maximum allowable under regulation.		
Prior Attainment	optional	<p>A prior attainment factor will be applied for primary pupils identified as not achieving the expected level of development within the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile (EYFSP) and for secondary pupils not reaching L4 at KS2 in either English or maths.</p> <p>Primary schools: Following the changes to EYFSP, the first assessments took place in the summer of 2013 and 2014. This means that for pupils on roll in October 2014, pupils in years 1 & 2 will now have been assessed using the new profile. Pupils in other year groups will have been assessed using the old profile.</p> <p>As in 2014-15 funding in 2015-16 will continue to be allocated using two indicators i.e. the number of pupils in yrs 1 & 2 who have not achieved a good level of development and the number of pupils in years 3 to 6 who achieved fewer than 78 points.</p> <p>Secondary schools: funding will be allocated on the number of secondary pupils not reaching level 4 at Key stage 2 in either English or mathematics.</p>		
Looked After Children	optional	A single unit value will be applied for any pupil who has been looked after for one day or more as recorded on the local authority's SSDA903 return at March 2014.		
English as Second Language	optional	EAL pupils can attract funding for up to 3 years after they have entered the statutory school system. Funding in 2015-16 will be allocated to the pupils identified as being in their 1st, 2nd and 3 rd year of statutory education.		
Business Rates	optional	The LA's estimate, as at January 2015, of the actual rateable value of premises for 2015-16 with discretionary relief applied where appropriate.		
Split Site – fixed sum	optional	A separate site is recognised either where a single school occupies more than one building separated by a public highway or, following an amalgamation of two schools, where the new school continues to use the two former sites and maintains two entrances e.g. one for infant pupils and one for junior pupils, thus necessitating two reception & administration areas and incurring unavoidable additional costs.		
Premise Rental	exceptional circumstances	An exceptional factor approved by DfE to fund one primary school for the premise rental charged by the diocese of the school		

