



Walsall Council

Walsall Children's Services

Report to: Schools Forum

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Subject: School to School Support - Allocation of Contingency Funding

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Purpose of the report: To inform Schools Forum of the allocation of the centrally retained Primary School to School Support Contingency Funding for 2011-12.

To discuss with the Schools Forum the potential distribution of this element of the former Primary National Strategy Grant funding in 2012-13.

Recommendation: Schools Forum is recommended to agree the proposals contained within section 4 of this report.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 During the 2011-12 budget setting process the Schools Forum agreed to retain £248.5k , plus two smaller sums for Nursery and Special schools from the Primary National Strategy Grant, to support schools facing significant challenges and therefore at risk of not making sufficient pupil progress to secure a favourable Ofsted inspection outcome. The funding would provide support to such schools in order to accelerate improvements in their educational outcomes.
- 1.2 The initial proposal made to Schools Forum was to retain £421k for schools of concern in respect of all schools. However, secondary school representatives opted to have their proportion of the funding included in their delegated budgets. The Primary Forum supported the supportive initiative subject to an early review of the process in December 2011.
- 1.3 This report presents the outcome of the review process by Primary headteacher colleagues.

2. Outcome of the Review

- 2.1 In the 2011-12 financial year eleven schools received an allocation of £4.5k from the £248.5k centrally retained sum. At a recent meeting of the Primary Forum a decision was taken that the balance of funding, approximately £199k should be returned to primary, nursery and special schools for the following reasons:
 - Mixed reviews of support packages
 - Per pupil funding is progressively weighted towards schools with high levels of deprivation
 - Pressure on primary school budgets due to Equal Pay and Single Status

However Primary headteachers stated that they would review this issue again prior to the start of the next financial year.

- 2.2 Attached to this report at Appendix 1 is a summary of the allocation of the remaining School to School Support Contingency funding to the eligible schools. These payments will be made to schools as part of their delegated budget allocations during the remainder of the 2011-12 financial year.

3. 2012-13 Funding Arrangements

- 3.1 The Primary Forum did say that they would revisit the retention of School to School Support prior to the start of the forthcoming financial review. However, the new school funding system is gearing up for maximum delegation of funds to all schools, thereby mirroring the Academy funding system for maintained schools. It will be difficult to operate such "safety net" approaches in the future. Schools facing significant challenges will be required to buy appropriate support from the LA or an alternative provider as and when required.

- 3.2 The new funding reforms will also introduce a more simplified approach to school funding and therefore it is recommended that the £248k retained centrally in 2011-12 is allocated to the eligible primary, nursery and special schools via the AWPU factor or hourly rate for maintained nursery schools.

4. Recommendations

- 4.1 Schools Forum is asked to note the views of the Primary Forum and the allocation of approximately £200k to eligible primary, nursery and special schools.
- 4.2 Schools Forum is asked to consider the delegation of this funding to schools through the AWPU factor or hourly rate for maintained nursery schools with effect from 1 April 2012.

Distribution of the Balances from Primary Strategy Funding 2011-2012

Primary Schools	£	
	January 2011 Census incl. Nur as FTE (hrs/25)	Allocation of Balances
Abbey Primary	173	1,391
Alumwell Infant	270	2,175
Alumwell Junior	354	2,852
Barcroft Primary	356	2,865
Beacon Primary	265	2,138
Bentley Drive JMI	411	3,310
Bentley West Primary	445	3,584
Birchills CE Primary	332	2,676
Blackwood Primary	602	4,849
Blakenall Heath Junior	170	1,370
Bloxwich CE JMI	304	2,449
Blue Coat CE Infant	296	2,386
Blue Coat CE Junior	321	2,586
Brownhills West Primary	148	1,189
Busill Jones Primary	250	2,010
Butts Primary	231	1,861
Caldmore Primary	234	1,886
Castlefort JMI	192	1,545
Christ Church CE	221	1,777
Chuckery Primary	420	3,386
Cooper & Jordan CE Primary	471	3,796
County Bridge Primary	188	1,513
Croft Community Primary	190	1,531
Delves Infant	316	2,544
Delves Junior	358	2,884
Edgar Stammers Primary	336	2,710
Elmore Green Primary	301	2,425
Fibbersley Park Primary	429	3,458
Green Rock Primary	216	1,739
Greenfield Primary	217	1,747
Harden Primary	267	2,151
Hatherton Primary Academy	401	3,232
Hillary Primary	446	3,597
Holy Trinity CE Primary	218	1,752
King Charles Primary	208	1,677
King's Hill Primary	277	2,235
Leamore Primary	220	1,770
Leighswood	550	4,430
Lindens Primary	329	2,649
Little Bloxwich CE Primary	187	1,507
Lodge Farm JMI	296	2,383
Lower Farm Primary	407	3,276
Manor Primary	293	2,357
Meadow View JMI	275	2,214
Millfield Primary	172	1,386
Moorcroft Wood Primary	217	1,745
Mossley Primary	218	1,756
New Invention Infant	317	2,552

New Invention Junior	306	2,465
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Primary Schools	January 2011 Census incl.Nur as FTE (hrs/25)	Allocation of Balances
North Walsall Primary	213	1,716
Old Church CE Primary	329	2,654
Palfrey Infant	318	2,559
Palfrey Junior	357	2,876
Park Hall Infant Academy	301	2,427
Park Hall Junior	410	3,303
Pelsall Village	240	1,937
Pheasey Park Farm Primary	665	5,360
Pinfold Street JMI	348	2,804
Pool Hayes Primary	219	1,761
Radleys Primary	201	1,616
Rosedale CE Infant	180	1,450
Rough Hay Primary	308	2,483
Rushall JMI	224	1,805
Ryders Hayes Academy	442	3,563
Salisbury Primary	246	1,979
Short Heath Junior	226	1,821
St Anne's Catholic Primary	221	1,781
St Bernadette's Catholic Primary	173	1,394
St Francis Catholic Primary	213	1,716
St Giles CE Primary	319	2,572
St James Primary	175	1,410
St John's CE Primary	345	2,776
St Joseph's Catholic Primary	223	1,793
St Mary of the Angels Catholic	215	1,735
St Mary's the Mount Catholic	225	1,810
St Michael's CE Primary	343	2,760
St Patrick's Catholic Primary	212	1,708
St Peter's Catholic Primary	197	1,587
St Thomas of Canterbury RC	193	1,553
Sunshine Infant and Nursery	203	1,637
Walsall Wood	216	1,739
Watling Street JMI	206	1,656
Whetstone Field Primary	223	1,793
Whitehall Junior Community	290	2,336
Whitehall Nursery and Infant	288	2,324
Woodlands Primary	387	3,120
Total Primary Schools	24710	199,086

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Nursery Schools	January 2011 Census incl.Nur as FTE (hrs/25)	Allocation of Balances
Alumwell Nursery	72	671
Fullbrook Nursery	48	448
Lane Head Nursery	67	627
Millfields Nursery	50	470
Ogley Hay Nursery	34	319
Rowley View Nursery	47	442
Sandbank Nursery	71	663
Valley Nursery	44	408
Total Nursery schools	434	4,048

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Special Schools	January 2011 Census incl.Nur as FTE (hrs/25)	Allocation of Balances
Castle	35	915
Elmwood	0	-
Jane Lane	39	1,019
Mary Elliot	0	-
Oakwood	51	1,338
Old Hall	51	1,330
Phoenix to max 24	26	680
Total Special Schools	202	5,282

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