



# Walsall Council

## Walsall Children's Services

**Report to:** Schools Forum

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**Subject:** 2011-12 Per Pupil Funding Analysis

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**Purpose of the report:** To share with the Schools Forum an analysis of the 2011-12 delegated budget share funding on a per pupil basis and the underlying factors affecting the allocations.

**Recommendation:** To note the content of the report and feedback any observations and comments to inform future strategic decisions regarding the development of the local formula for schools.

## **1. Introduction**

- 1.1 The delegated budget share for Walsall schools is the product of a local funding formula which has developed since the implementation of the Local Management of Schools in the late 1980s. During this period there has also been a succession of policies and initiatives that have determined or influenced how much of this money should be allocated to different factors within the formula, such as the requirement to meet a government deprivation target.
- 1.2 In 2003, the government completed a review of the national education funding system which resulted in a redistribution of funding between local authorities and created some significant winners and losers. Consequently, the new funding levels reflected in the delegated budget shares of individual schools. In some local authority areas secondary schools unexpectedly lost hundreds of thousands of pounds.
- 1.3 The outcome of the 2003 funding review placed the government under extreme pressure from schools and local authorities which subsequently resulted in the introduction of the Minimum Funding Guarantee (MFG). The MFG mechanism created a phased protection in respect of future changes to the funding for schools and pupils at both national and local levels. A nationally set MFG percentage figure has to be applied by all local authorities to their schools. In recent periods of growth the MFG figure has been over 2%, but for the first time in 2011-12 a negative MFG of -1.5% was set.
- 1.4 The MFG has limited the capacity of local authorities to radically review their formulae and/or redistribute funding in a way that better reflects current local needs, unless there is sufficient new money within the Individual Schools Budget (ISB). The cost of MFG protection can negate the impact of any formula changes in the short to medium term.
- 1.5 The last school funding consultation document issued in July 2011 states that the MFG will be maintained in 2012-13. The MFG is also a feature of the new funding system that will be implemented at some point during the life of this parliament. The latest consultation document, does however ask the question, should there be a reduction in the level of MFG protection to deliver the new simpler and more standardised school funding formula on a speedier basis. In the interim period the DfE has stated that it intends to continue to take a robust stance against MFG disapplication requests where these applications seek to create a significant movement of funds, especially away from schools in deprived areas.
- 1.6 Appendix 1 of the report represents the delegated budget share per pupil of all maintained Walsall schools as at 1 April 2011. The figures are not directly comparable to previous years as they include the mainstreaming of the Standards Fund for the first time in 2011-12.

## 2. The impact of Formula Factors

2.1 All schools and pupils are treated equitably within the local formula but there are a number of variables between schools ranging from pupil numbers to size of buildings, all of which have the effect of allocating differentiated per pupil funding in each of the sectors. The table below details the per pupil minimum, maximum and average funding in each school sector.

<b>Sector</b>	<b>Per Pupil Minimum £</b>	<b>Per Pupil Maximum £</b>	<b>Per Pupil Average £</b>
<b>Nursery</b>	6,157	8,455	7,102
<b>Primary</b>	3,185	5,527	4,267
<b>Secondary</b>	4,651	6,004	5,253
<b>Special</b>	15,941	35,294	25,724

2.2 The figures in the table above are not very meaningful in respect of the nursery and special schools due to their size. All such schools are small or very small, and as such their fixed costs disproportionately affect their unit costs. In addition the special schools are funded on a varied banding system reflecting needs, which differ across the types of special school.

2.3 Appendix 1 highlights the main factors which create the per pupil funding variations across the primary and secondary sectors.

In general terms, the more expensive primary school places are those in small schools in deprived areas or primary schools with additionally resourced provision. The less expensive primary schools places are in larger schools with low levels of deprivation due to the size of the schools and the numbers contributing towards fixed costs.

In the secondary sector the variation in per pupil funding appears to be linked more directly to levels of deprivation. Some of the grants mainstreamed in 2010-11 were heavily weighted towards secondary schools in deprived areas. Although these weightings were not protected through the local formula, they were protected by the MFG.

2.4 The previous government required local authorities to delegate a targeted sum from its DSG into deprivation factors. Walsall achieved its target during 2010-11 using a combination of deprivation factors which included Free School Meals (FSM) and IDACI scores.

2.5 The Pupil Premium will be developed as the DfE's main deprivation funding stream for schools and it will eventually be mainstreamed into the DSG and delegated to schools. LAs have no detail of how and when the mainstreaming of the Pupil Premium will happen. It is expected that there will be further information once the more detailed school funding consultation takes place next year. However, it is the government's intention to maintain the existing resources supporting deprived pupils within Schools' Budgets, but this may be distributed in a different manner.

2.6 The impact of the national review of school funding at both local authority level and individual school level is currently unknown. Also the timing of the changes is unknown.

The new formula could be implemented with effect from 1 April 2013 to 1 April 2015, making it difficult to undertake any strategic planning around the local formula.

### **3. Recommendations**

- 3.1 The Forum is recommended to review the attached information and reflect if any future formula changes should be explored as part of the new funding framework, once published.

Analysis of 2011-2012 Budget Shares - £ per pupil

Appendix 1

	£
Primary Average	4,267
Primary Minimum	3,185
Primary Maximum	5,527

Primary Schools	Jan 2011 Census plus nursery FTE pupils	Total MFG included in Budget Share	2011-12 Budget Share per pupil including MFG	Per pupil formula budget above the average per pupil funding	Per pupil formula budget less than the average per pupil funding	Small School Alloc.	SEN Additional Resourced provision	Deprivation - Indicators used in funding are FSM, non FSM 0-20% band IDACI	FSM pupils %	Low Prior Attainment funding - higher alloc's to average or below average attainment	High/Low Personalised Learning, deprivation as indicator (£26.6k avg)
		£	£	£	£						
Abbey Primary	172	3,217	5,054	787		Yes		39% IDACI	33%	Yes	£21k
Alumwell Infant	270	-	4,379	112							
Alumwell Junior	354	-	4,156		111						
Barcroft Primary	356	-	4,216		51						
Beacon Primary	264	-	4,413	146							
Bentley Drive JMI	410	-	4,244		23						
Bentley West Primary	445	-	4,041		226						
Birchills CE Primary	332	11,545	4,592	325							
Blackwood Primary	599	-	3,185		1,082			4% IDACI	2%		£4k
Blakenall Heath Junior	170	-	5,171	904		Yes		44% IDACI	58%	Yes	£39k
Bloxwich CE JMI	304	-	3,992		275						
Blue Coat CE Infant	296	-	4,011		256						
Blue Coat CE Junior	321	-	3,943		324						
Brownhills West Primary	144	-	5,080	813		Yes		44% IDACI	39%		£21k
Busill Jones Primary	249	4,532	5,506	1,239			ARP	46% IDACI	41%		£36k
Butts Primary	231	15,006	4,527	260							
Caldmore Primary	232	4,160	4,497	230							
Castlefort JMI	192	-	4,376	109							
Christ Church CE	220	-	4,579	312							
Chuckery Primary	419	-	3,985		282						
Cooper & Jordan CE Primary	471	-	3,485		782		ARP	2% IDACI	4%		£7k
County Bridge Primary	188	6,782	4,501	234							
Croft Community Primary	190	3,575	5,225	958		Yes		49% IDACI	45%		£30k
Delves Infant	314	-	4,035		232						
Delves Junior	358	-	3,837		430			27% IDACI	19%	Yes	£28k
Edgar Stammers Primary	337	-	4,562	295							
Elmore Green Primary	301	-	4,025		242						
Fibbersley Park Primary	429	20,913	4,059		208						
Green Rock Primary	215	-	5,029	762		Yes		31% IDACI	63%	Yes	£48k
Greenfield Primary	217	-	4,202		65						
Harden Primary	266	-	4,926	659				24% IDACI	69%	Yes	£66k

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	£	£	£	£	£						
Hatherton Primary	401	-	4,284	17							
Hillary Primary	447	-	4,134		133						
Holy Trinity CE Primary	218	-	3,694		573			0% IDACI	6%		£5k
King Charles Primary	208	33,738	5,411	1,144		Yes	ARP	30% IDACI	46%		£33k
King's Hill Primary	276	-	4,156		111						
Leamore Primary	221	-	4,547	280							
Leighswood	548	-	3,426		841			1% IDACI	12%		£25k
Lindens Primary	325	-	4,324	57							
Little Bloxwich CE Primary	187	-	4,491	224							
Lodge Farm JMI	296	30,573	4,057		210						
Lower Farm Primary	407	-	3,591		676			16% IDACI	9%		£13k
Manor Primary	294	-	3,458		809			3% IDACI	3%		£4k
Meadow View JMI	273	-	3,944		323						
Millfield Primary	171	-	5,132	865		Yes			37%	Yes	£23k
Moorcroft Wood Primary	216	-	4,422	155							
Mossley Primary	216	17,581	4,542	275							
New Invention Infant	317	-	3,618		649			17% IDACI	9%		£10k
New Invention Junior	306	-	3,536		731			14% IDACI	9%		£11k
North Walsall Primary	211	-	5,176	909		Yes		42% IDACI	59%	Yes	£44k
Old Church CE Primary	331	-	4,040		227						
Palfrey Infant	320	-	4,177		90						
Palfrey Junior	357	-	4,074		193						
Park Hall Junior	410	-	3,331		936			9% IDACI	3%		£5k
Pelsall Village	240	3,441	4,225		42						
Pheasey Park Farm Primary	669		3,379		888			4% IDACI	9%		£24k
Pinfold Street JMI	348	-	4,371	104							
Pool Hayes Primary	219	-	4,048		219						
Radleys Primary	201	-	4,283	16							
Rosedale CE Infant	180	-	4,376	109							
Rough Hay Primary	308	-	4,453	186							
Rushall JMI	224	-	5,527	1,260			ARP		25%	Yes	£20k
Salisbury Primary	244	-	4,487	220							
Short Heath Junior	226	-	3,980		287						
St Anne's Catholic Primary	221	-	3,717		550			1% IDACI	4%		£4k
St Bernadette's Catholic Primary	172	-	4,480	213							
St Francis Catholic Primary	212	-	3,936		331						
St Giles CE Primary	319	-	3,897		370						
St James Primary	175	-	5,054	787		Yes			48%	Yes	£33k

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St John's CE Primary	343	-	3,625		642			2% IDACI	15%		£19k
St Joseph's Catholic Primary	223	-	4,105		162						
St Mary of the Angels Catholic	215	-	3,907		360						
St Mary's the Mount Catholic	225	-	3,890		377						
St Michael's CE Primary	341	-	3,567		700			7% IDACI	7%		£9k
St Patrick's Catholic Primary	215	-	4,554	287							
St Peter's Catholic Primary	198	-	4,128		139						
St Thomas of Canterbury RC	192	-	4,989	722		Yes		53% IDACI	57%	Yes	£39k
Sunshine Infant and Nursery	201	-	5,029	762		Yes		34% IDACI	61%	Yes	£41k
Walsall Wood	214	2,491	4,555	288							
Watling Street JMI	206	-	4,092		175						
Whetstone Field Primary	222	-	3,774		493			1% IDACI	8%		£7k
Whitehall Junior Community	290	-	4,541	274							
Whitehall Nursery and Infant	290	-	4,352	85							
Woodlands Primary	385	-	3,698		569			19% IDACI	18%		£25k

**Total number of schools**

**84**

Shaded cells = +/- 10%

Secondary Average                   £ 5,252  
 Secondary Minimum                 £ 4,609  
 Secondary Maximum                 £ 6,271

Secondary Schools	Jan 2011 Census excl. post 16 pupils	Total MFG included in Budget Share	2011-12 Formula Budget (excl post16) per pupil including MFG	Per pupil formula budget above the average per pupil funding	Per pupil formula budget less than the average per pupil funding	Small School Alloc	SEN Additional Resourced provision	Deprivation Funding - Indicators used in funding are FSM, non FSM 0-20% band IDACI	FSM pupils %	High/Low Personalised Learning, deprivation as indicator (£132k avg)	2011-12 Post 16 Funding incl. Pay Grant
		£	£	£	£						£
Aldridge School	1291	-	4,609		643			7% IDACI	12%	£101k	4,917
Alumwell BEC	790	50,173	5,989	737				55% IDACI	37%	£188K	6,101
Barr Beacon Language College	1264	-	4,609		643			11% IDACI	10%	£82k	4,915
Blue Coat CE	642	-	5,738	486							5,572
Brownhills CTC	609	-	5,528	276							5,046
Frank F Harrison	853	96,643	5,865	613				46% IDACI	43%	£235k	5,763
Joseph Leckie CTC	815	82,919	6,271	1,019				33% IDACI	39%	£205k	4,850
Pool Hayes Community	1057	-	5,094		158						4,934
Queen Mary's Grammar	480	-	5,231		21						5,198
Queen Mary's High	479	-	5,150								5,479
St Francis of Assisi Catholic	911	-	4,873		379						5,213
St Thomas More Catholic BEC	1179	-	4,957		295						5,237
Streetly - Specialist Sports College	1160	-	4,735		517		ARP	16% IDACI	13%	£102k	4,676
Willenhall School Sports College	1349	-	4,878		374						5,671

**Total number of schools**

**14**

Shaded cells = +/- 10%

Sneyd data removed as it creates anomaly due to very low census numbers



<b>Nursery Schools</b>	<b>Jan 2011 Census</b>	<b>Total MFG included in Budget Share</b>	<b>Total of 2011-12 Budget Share and MFG divided pupils</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Alumwell Nursery	68	-	6,400
Fullbrook Nursery	45	-	7,102
Lane Head Nursery	61	-	6,282
Millfields Nursery	49	-	6,627
Ogley Hay Nursery	31	15,600	8,455
Rowley View Nursery	42	-	7,506
Sandbank Nursery	64	-	6,157
Valley Nursery	42	11,295	7,571

<b>Special Schools</b>	<b>Jan 2011 Census</b>	<b>Total MFG included in Budget Share</b>	<b>Total of 2011-12 Budget Share and MFG divided pupils</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Castle Business and Enterprise College	117	-	16,463
Elmwood School	38	-	30,139
Jane Lane School, A College for Cognitive	136	-	15,941
Mary Elliot School	108	-	25,873
Oakwood School	51	-	28,022
Old Hall School	51	-	28,336
Phoenix Primary EBD School	24	-	35,294