

REPORT TO: School Forum
DATE: 21st January 2014
REPORTING OFFICER: Senior Finance Officer, Financial Management Division
SUBJECT: Pupil Premium Funding

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To report to the School Forum an update on the final levels of Pupil Premium funding for 2013-14 and funding for 2014-15.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

RECOMMENDED:

(1) The report be noted.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 Background

The Pupil Premium Grant is split into three areas to fund pupils who have been eligible for Free School Meals in the past six years, pupils who are the children of armed forces personnel in the past three years or who are Looked After.

3.2 2013-14 funding increase

Funding levels for 2013-14 were announced as:

Free School Meals Ever 6	£900 per pupil
Service Children Ever 3	£300 per pupil
Looked After Children	£900 per pupil

It was announced on 12th December 2013 that the funding level for Primary FSM6 pupils will be increased to £953 per pupil. The secondary FSM6 rate will remain at £900 per pupil. No changes are made to Service Children Ever 3 or Looked After Children rates.

3.3 2014-15 funding

Funding levels for 2014-15 were announced as:

Free School Meals Ever 6 (Primary)	£1,300 per pupil
Free School Meals Ever 6 (Secondary)	£935 per pupil
Service Children Ever 3	£300 per pupil
Looked After Children	£1,900 per pupil

3.4 Eligibility criteria

The eligibility criteria for Free School Meal Ever 6 pupils will remain unchanged in 2014-15.

Looked After Children funding will apply to pupils who have been looked after for one day or more, instead of a minimum of 6 months. Children who have been adopted from care or leave care under a special guardianship order or residence order will also be eligible for Looked After Children funding. The additional funding for pupils adopted from care will enable schools to offer pastoral care as well as raising pupil attainment.

Children with parents in the armed forces will cover pupils previously attracting the premium since April 2011 even where the parent(s) are no longer in the armed forces or where parents have divorced. Schools will also be funded in respect of children of parents who were killed in action.

4.0 **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 None

5.0 **OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 None