

REPORT TO: School Forum
DATE: 21st January 2015
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 2014-15 and funding for 2015-16.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

RECOMMENDED:

(1) The report be noted.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 Background

The Pupil Premium Grant is split into several 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, who are Looked After or who have been adopted from care or leave care under a special guardianship order or residence order.

3.2 2014-15 Funding levels 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
Post – Looked After Children	£1,900 per pupil
Looked After Children	up to £1,900 per pupil

No announcement has been made as regards an increase to these rates as has happened in previous years, so we can only assume these rates will not be increased during this financial year.

3.3 2015-16 funding

Funding levels for 2015-16 were announced as:

Free School Meals Ever 6 (Primary)	£1,320 per pupil
Free School Meals Ever 6 (Secondary)	£935 per pupil
Service Children Ever 3	£300 per pupil
Post - Looked After Children	£1,900 per pupil

No information has been given with regard to Looked After Children.

3.4 Eligibility criteria

- The eligibility criteria for Free School Meal Ever 6 pupils is expected to remain unchanged in 2015-16
- 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.

3.5 Early Years Pupil Premium

Within the DSG announcement we have been allocated £191,409 for the Early Years Pupil Premium. Terms and conditions are available on the DfE website – attached in Appendix A.

4.0 **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 None

5.0 **OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 None