

## **Alternative Provision (AP) Budgets for 2020-21**

### **Section 1 – AP District Budgets**

#### **1. Introduction**

- 1.1 In 2020/21 we will see the full year effect of the changes introduced in September 2019. This means that the total funding will be divided between a devolved budget for each nonselective secondary school and a delegated budget for each PRU for the full financial year.

#### **2. Composition of Budgets**

- 2.1 The distribution of funding is based upon allocating a fixed total budget across four different factors as summarised in the table below and then allocating these factor amounts to secondary schools based on the schools' number of units of the factor relative to the county total. Grammar school allocations are then redistributed to nonselective secondary schools in the same district.

<b>Factors used for distribution</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Total funding</b>
Pupil numbers – KS3 & KS4	50%	£5,736,290
Income Deprivation Affecting Children's Index (IDACI)	40%	£4,589,032
Looked After Children (LAC)	5%	£573,629
English as an Additional Language (EAL)	5%	£573,629
	<u>100%</u>	<u>£11,472,579</u>

The pupil numbers used in the calculation are a 50:50 mix of PAN and actual headcount recorded on the census. The IDACI, LAC and EAL are all calculated consistently with how they are dealt with in the school formulae budget.

#### **Historic AP central budget**

- 2.2 Prior to April 2013 a budget of £11,221,500 was held centrally for AP. For a number of years the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) High Needs Block funding was flat cash, which meant there was no funding for inflationary pressures. In 2015-16 we were able to allocate an element of DSG headroom towards inflationary pressures and this increased the amount available for distribution to £11,249,579. In September 2019 with the new arrangements a separate administration budget of £223,000 was included in the total for formulaic distribution. In 2020-21 there is no DSG headroom available to fund inflationary pressures and therefore the overall envelope of funding will remain at £11,472,579.

- 2.3 The data used to distribute this funding is provided by the DfE and is the same data used to calculate 2020-21 School and Academy budgets and is primarily based on the October 2019 school census. Please note that LAC is no longer a factor in the Kent Local Funding Formula, however we still have access to this data and have decided to continue to use it to calculate AP budgets.

#### London Fringe

- 2.4 An entitlement to additional pay exists for teachers within certain defined areas of Kent with close proximity to London. The data supplied by the DfE includes an indicator identifying those schools and academies that are located within the eligible area. In recognition of the additional salary costs, an uplift of 3.64% is applied to the funding attributed to each school /academy within the entitled location. For information schools and academies in the school districts Dartford and Sevenoaks are entitled to funding for London Fringe. It is appropriate that PRU's located in these areas also attract this enhancement to cover the additional salary costs associated with qualified teachers. Funding will only be allocated on the basis that AP district staff are in receipt of the London Fringe allowance. London Fringe costs will be funded in addition to the budget total in section 2.2

### **3 Delegated or Devolved Budgets**

#### Delegated

- 3.1 The DfE rules stipulate that where there is a physical PRU they must have a delegated budget. The method for allocating a delegated PRU budget, prescribed by the DfE, is "Place Plus". Place Plus is explained in more detail later in this section.
- 3.2 One of the fundamental aspects of the PRU review was to give districts the freedom to determine the delivery of AP in their area via the collective voice of its schools and academies. As there is a fixed overall budget and each district will determine its own delivery of AP it's not possible to apply Place Plus strictly as defined by the DfE.
- 3.3 A total number of PRU places for Kent will be calculated as 0.42% of the pupil count used in the allocation model. These places will be allocated to each district based on their share of the initial calculation in section 2.1 and will be rounded to the nearest integer. The number of places multiplied by £18,000 will be the notional delegated budget for the district. If there is a PRU then this will be the PRU delegated budget, otherwise this funding will be added to the district devolved budget to be passed to local nonselective secondary schools.
- 3.6 Funding will be paid through the schools' advances system and profiled in 12 equal instalments.

- 3.7 Place Plus requires a defined sum/rate of funding for each pupil, the rate of funding is then broken down into three elements which is the method used to pass the funding to the institution.
- 3.8 Elements 1 & 2 are known as place funding and are nationally set at £4,000 and £6,000 respectively. Element 3 is the top-up funding of £8,000

Devolved

- 3.9 The devolved budget for each district will be the district share of the calculation in section 2.1 multiplied by the remainder of the total budget less the delegated budget. This district budget will then be shared across the relevant schools based on their share of the district total in the calculation in section 2.1
- 3.10 Funding will be paid through the schools' advances system and profiled in 12 equal instalments.

## Section 2 Pupil Premium

### 6 General

6.1 PRUs can receive the following types of Pupil Premium payments:

- E6FSM - Ever Six Free School Meals
- E6SC - Ever Four Service Children
- CiC - Children in Care also known Pupil Premium Plus (PP+)
- PLAC - Post Looked After Children

6.2 If a pupil is eligible for one of these categories then the PRU will receive the relevant funding (2020-21 rates are shown later in this section). However, if a pupil is eligible for more than one category, things become a little more complicated. This is particularly so when a pupil is eligible for either CiC or PLAC as well as E6FSM. The table below shows the possible combinations in the left-hand side, and then the funding that those combinations will deliver in the right hand side.

Combinations				Funding			
E6FSM	E4SC	CiC	PLAC	E6FSM	E4SC	CiC	PLAC
Yes	Yes			Yes	Yes		
	Yes	Yes			Yes	Yes	
	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes
Yes	Yes	Yes			Yes	Yes	
Yes	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes

This information is particularly relevant in respect of CiC. If a pupil is recorded as CiC as at the 31 March 2019, a PRU will not receive E6FSM funding for this pupil if eligible. PRUs are to note the adjustment for this type of pupil will take place in January 2021 as this is the point in time when the DfE update their records.

**6.3 E6FSM** -The eligibility criteria for E6FSM for 2020-21 includes pupils recorded in the January 2020 census who are known to have been eligible for free school meals (FSMs) since May 2014, as well as those first known to be eligible at January 2020. Pupils in reception year through to year 6 recorded as E6FSM will be funded at £1,345 per pupil and pupils in year groups 7 to 11 recorded as E6FSM will be funded at £955 per pupil.

The number of E6FSM funded pupils will be based on your January 2020 census. The DfE will be notifying us of the final allocation sometime during the summer. Due to the unpredictability of pupil numbers in a PRU we have not provided an indicative budget for E6FSM.

#### 6.4 **CIC PP- Pupil Premium Plus for Kent children in Care**

In 2020/21 the Local Authority will receive £2,300 for each child in care and this funding will initially be retained by the Virtual School Kent Headteacher as required by the Department for Education. The Virtual School Headteacher is responsible for the use of Pupil Premium Plus to raise the attainment and realise the potential for all Kent children in our care, regardless of where they reside.

The payment of this funding to schools in the 2020/21 financial year will again initially be £1,200 per child in care paid in three £400 instalments. It is our intention to pay any agreed funding to schools as follows:

- Instalment 1 paid in the June 2020 advance for the period up to 31st August 2020
- Instalment 2 paid in the November 2020 advance for the period up to 31st December 2020
- Instalment 3 paid in the February 2021 advance for the period up to 31st March 2021

Funding will follow the child if they move schools.

All additional funding will be provided according to the needs of the child as detailed in their personal education plan. There is no set maximum amount per child.

For full details, please see our **Virtual School Kent Pupil Premium Plus Policy 2020/21** for Kent Children in Care, and for more information go to the Virtual School Kent website: [Pupil Premium Plus](#)

- 6.5 E6SC** - is a pupil recorded on the January 2020 census who was eligible for the service child premium since the January 2015 census as well as those recorded as a service child for the first time on the January 2020 school census. Service children will be funded at a rate of £310 per eligible pupil.

As we are not predicting that this will be a material amount of funding we have not provided an indicative budget. In the eventuality that a PRU has a pupil on its January 2020 census funding will be allocated to the PRU late in the summer when the LA receives notification from the DfE.

- 7.5 PLAC** - The pupil premium for 2020-21 will include pupils recorded in the January 2020 school census who were looked after by an English or Welsh local authority immediately before being adopted, or who left local authority care on a special guardianship order or child arrangements order (previously

known as a residence order). These are collectively referred to as post-LAC in these conditions. The rate of funding for an eligible pupil is £2,345.

As we are not predicting that this will be a material amount of funding we have not provided an indicative budget. In the eventuality that a PRU has a pupil on its January 2020 census, funding will be allocated to the PRU late in the summer when the LA receives formal notification from the DfE.

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