

Alternative Provision (AP) Budgets for 2019-20

Section 1 – AP budgets

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The local authority is introducing changes on 1 September 2019 to the way it calculates Alternative Provision (AP) budgets. The funding provided by the local authority for alternative provision is from the Dedicated Schools Grant High Needs Block and is in addition to the annual School Budget. The local authority will continue to calculate the Districts allocations using an agreed formula. These budgets will be re-calculated each financial year using the updated school budget datasets provided by the Department for Education (DfE).
- 1.2 The total available funding will be either fully devolved to schools within a District, or partly delegated directly to a Pupil Referral Unit (PRU) and partly devolved to a group of schools within the District.

2. Composition of District 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 schools based on the schools' number of units of the factor relative to the county total.

Factors used for distribution	%	Total funding
Pupil numbers – KS3 & KS4	50%	£5,624,790
Income Deprivation Affecting Children's Index (IDACI)	40%	£4,499,832
Looked After Children (LAC)	5%	£562,479
English as an Additional Language (EAL)	5%	£562,479
	<u>100%</u>	<u>£11,249,579</u>

- 2.2 The pupil numbers used in the calculation are a 50:50 blended mix of actual headcount recorded on the census and PAN. The IDACI, LAC and EAL are all calculated consistently with how they are dealt with in the school formulae budget. All calculations are completed at the school level and the District budget is the total of the school allocations in that District. Any selective school allocations are redistributed within each District to the non-selective schools.
- 2.3 The data used to distribute this funding is provided by the DfE and is the same data used to calculate 2019-20 School and Academy budgets and is primarily

based on the October 2018 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.

Administration Budgets

- 2.4 Each Hub has been provided with an administration budget and the basis of this calculation is the same as last year.

London Fringe

- 2.5 An entitlement to additional pay exists for teachers within certain defined areas within, or 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.

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.
- 3.3 Each District will receive an allocation determined by the factors outlined in paragraph 2.1 and 2.2. The amount delegated to a PRU will be determined by an agreed number of commissioned places. The local authority will commission places in the PRUs totalling 0.42% of the Kent 11-16 pupil population. In recognition that need is increased or reduced by a number of socio-economic factors, the 0.42% will be proportionately allocated using the same distribution as the funding formula (50% census and 50% PAN).

From 1 September 2019, the number of local authority commissioned places is shown in the table below.

District Name	Agreed Commissioned Places
North West Kent	69
Maidstone and Malling	46
Shepway	25
Thanet and Dover	76
Tunbridge Wells, Tonbridge and Sevenoaks	43

Note: These commissioned place numbers will be recalculated each year based

- 3.4 Each commissioned place will be funded at £18,000 per financial year, and this funding will be delegated directly to the PRU within the District.
- 3.5 Any remaining District allocation will be devolved to the non-selective secondary schools within the District. It is at the discretion of the schools who receive this funding to determine whether any of this devolved funding should be passed to the PRU.
- 3.6 The allocations for individual PRUs can be seen in the following [summary table](#). Please note that the 7/12 allocation (Sept 2019 to March 2020) has been shown alongside a full financial year.
- 3.7 Funding will be allocated through the schools' advances system and profiled in 12 equal instalments.

Devolved

- 3.8 If a District does not have a physical PRU with a DfE number then the funding will be devolved directly to the schools within the District based on the annual formula calculation. Management Committees will be subject to a Service Level Agreement and may determine a different distribution of this funding if all schools within the District agree.
- 3.9 Funding will be paid through the schools' advances system and profiled in 12 equal instalments.
- 3.10 Details of all devolved budgets at individual school level can be seen in the following [detailed table](#). Please note that the 7/12 allocation (Sept 2019 to March 2020) has been shown alongside a full financial year.

Section 2 – Kent Health Needs Education Service (KHNES) – please note that there is no change to the methodology to calculate the KHNES annual budget.

4 Introduction & Composition of Budget

4.2 This budget comprises of two different elements:

- The historic AP central budget.
- Administration budget

The historic AP central budget

4.3 As part of the school national funding reforms in 2013-14, Health Need PRU's were required to have a delegated budget. To be defined as a Health Needs PRU the pupil referral must be made by a medical practitioner.

4.4 The overall budget for 2019-20 is the same as 2018-19. The KHESE budget for 2019-20 is now £2,947,754¹.

Administration Budget

4.4 KHESE will receive £25,000 funding for administration.

5 Delegated budget

5.1 DfE guidance does not require Health Needs PRUs to delegate funding under the Place Plus methodology.

5.2 Funding will be paid through the school advances system and profiled in 12 equal instalments.

Section 3 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

¹ This was originally calculated as the aggregated budgets of the three predecessors Health Needs PRUs that were re-structured to form KHESE in September 2015. In addition to this, the budget has been topped up by a further £350k (£200k in 2016-17 followed by a further increase of £150k in 2017-18) to meet a new pressure for placements in independent provision.

6.2 If a pupil is eligible for one of these categories then the PRU will receive the relevant funding (2019-20 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 2020 as this is the point in time when the DfE update their records.

6.3 E6FSM -The eligibility criteria for E6FSM for 2019-20 includes pupils recorded in the January 2019 census who are known to have been eligible for free school meals (FSMs) since May 2013, as well as those first known to be eligible at January 2019. Pupils in reception year through to year 6 recorded as E6FSM will be funded at £1,320 per pupil and pupils in year groups 7 to 11 recorded as E6FSM will be funded at £935 per pupil.

The number of E6FSM funded pupils will be based on your January 2019 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. As in 2018-19, PRUs are invited to submit an estimate of numbers to the LA so that we can provide you with an indicative budget that will be adjusted when we receive the final settlement in the summer from the DfE. Please submit indicative numbers to Charlotte Landon (contact details at the bottom of this document)

6.4 CiC PP- Pupil Premium Plus 2018/19 for Kent children in Care

In 2019/20 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 2019/20 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 2018 advance for the period up to 31st August 2018
- Instalment 2 paid in the November 2018 advance for the period up to 31st December 2018
- Instalment 3 paid in the February 2019 advance for the period up to 31st March 2019

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 2019/20** 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 2019 census who was eligible for the service child premium since the January 2014 census as well as those recorded as a service child for the first time on the January 2019 school census. Service children will be funded at a rate of £300 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 2018 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 2018-19 will include pupils recorded in the January 2018 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 £2,300.

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 2019 census, funding will be allocated to the PRU late in the summer when the LA receives formal notification from the DfE.

7.6 To date we have no information from the DfE regarding PP funding rates for 2020-21, therefore, for the purpose of estimating future year's budgets we have assumed that the funding rates will be maintained at the 2019-20 levels.

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