

Accompanying Notes to Support Special Schools' Funds Allocation Statement 29th January 2016

1. General Introduction

The attached 2016/17 final allocation sets out:

- Summary of Funds Allocation for 2016/17 as at 29th January 2016
- Appendix 1 Detailed Allocation 2016/17
- Appendix 2 Calculation of Minimum Funding Per Pupil Guarantee (MFG)
- Appendix 3 (Mayfield only) Statementing / Education, Health & Care Plans over £6k

Funding information for all schools will be available electronically when the 2016/2017 Section 251 Budget Statement is placed on the Torbay Council's Website from 31st March 2016, click link and "CTRL" simultaneously.

<http://www.torbay.gov.uk/index/education/schools/schools-finance-and-procurement.htm>

2. Calculation of Dedicated Schools Grant for 2016/17

Using the October 2015 pupil census data of 16,494 pupils, this translates into a Schools Block allocation of £72.7 million. In addition the Early Years and High Needs funding is an additional £19.3 million. Total DSG before academy recoupment is £92m.

Until the pupil data is verified by the DfE at the end of June, the DSG is still subject to changes. The majority of DSG is to fund schools including academies through the locally determined formula, ensuring that the Minimum Per Pupil Funding Guarantee is met. This grant also funds centrally funded statutory education activities such as Alternative Provision, Special Educational Needs and Nursery Education.

3. Minimum Funding Guarantee (MFG) for 2016/17

The DfE has again set MFG at minus 1.5% to ensure that no school has a cut in its allocation of more than 1.5% per pupil before Pupil Premium, Statementing / Education, Health & Care Plans and outreach are included. This is detailed in Appendix 2.

4. The 2016/17 Overall Funding and Funds Allocation Statement

The individual "Funds Allocation" for Schools has been derived using the Torbay Funding Formula of £10k per agreed place with a variable top-up, per category of child. This is fully described, in Section 2 of the Scheme for Financing for All Schools.

The data, formula factors and unit values that are used are given in Appendix 1. The Funds Allocation Statement also includes the Minimum Funding Guarantee (MFG) as prescribed by the DfE. Calculation of the MFG is set out in Appendix 2. The available delegated funds to the school will be the higher of either the Local Formula Funding or the Minimum Funding Guarantee before Pupil Premium in added.

5. Changes to Places and Outreach

16/17 Funding has taken account of the agreed annual audit of the provision of places at each school which took place between the Heads and Dorothy Hadleigh (Head of SEN). This includes a growth in places for both April 16 and Sept 16 where appropriate.

6. Statementing / Education, Health & Care Plans for allocations over £6k (Mayfield Only)

Appendix 3 gives details of how your school's allocation, where only Statements / EHCP's over £6k are specifically funded. These allocations are based upon information notified to us as at 8th January 2016 by the SEN Team. This information should be checked and any discrepancies reported by email to Linda Bellamy in the Children's Finance Team. Linda.bellamy@torbay.gov.uk .

7. Pupil Premium

For 2016/17, the allocation takes into account the number of pupils in a school from the 2016 January pupil census who have **ever** been eligible for free school meals in the last 6 years, this is known as "Ever 6".

However the Jan 16 "Ever 6" numbers are not finalised by the EFA until the Autumn Term so your allocation for PP is currently based on Autumn 15 numbers and will therefore be subject to an adjustment later in the financial year.

The amounts for 16/17 are as follows:-

£1,320 per primary pupil who is/ever was eligible for free school meals in the last 6 years.

£935 per secondary pupil who is/ever was eligible for free school meals in the last 6 years.

£1,900 per pupil for those children who have been adopted from care or left care under a special guardianship or residence order. Eligible adopted pupils will need to have been registered on the school census to attract the £1,900.

£300 per pupil for those from Service (armed forces) families.

£1,900 per pupil for those children who have been looked after for one day or more. This funding is managed by the Head of the Virtual school and will be allocated termly in-year.

8. Comparative Statistics

A comparative analysis of 2016/17 allocations compared with MFG and 2015/16 allocations will be carried out for the next Schools Forum on 10th March 2016.

9. Contacts for Queries

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