

School Business Manager Meeting

11th September 2023

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Agenda – 2023/24

- Mayor of London FSM funding
- Auto Enrolment- FSM (Pilot)
- School Is Funding updates

School Meals

		Key Stage 1		Key Stage 2		Key Stage 3 & 4				
		total	per pupil	total	per pupil	total	per pupil			
FSM for eligible pupils	Delegatated Budget Share	£570.68	£3.00	£570.68	£3.00	£570.68	£3.00	2023/24 FY	£581.46 from 2024/25	£3.06
uifsm	DFE (UNIFSM)		£2.53		£0.00			2023/24 AY		
MOL	MOL		£0.00		£2.65			2023/24 AY		
MOL Scheme										
- estimate based on Jan 2023										
- revised for Oct 2023 census										
- 50% autumn, 25% spring and 25% summer payment profile										
- 90% of those NOT eligible for FSM										
- if schools have take up over 90%--that would be a business										
- condition of grant that schools capture numbers of take up -Tina - update please										
Household Fund										
- holiday fsm vouchers will continue for this year, March 2024										
- additional funding to target support for those not FSM - mindful of extended schemes to KS2--likely to be geared towards secondary schools- fiona will communicate directly, including data returns required from schools										

Meal Coding in Scholarpack (for those on ACCESS –but similar approach can be applied to other finance systems)

- Suggested meal coding in Scholarpack to identify the different funding grants and to help reporting to Blue runner.
- This will enable clear reporting of figures back to the Government (LA) for the number of pupils that have taken the Mayor’s London Free School Meal for state-funded schools in London.

Grant name	Suggested code	Key stage	Blue runner reporting name
Universal Free School Meals	UIFSM	Key stage 1	Key Stage ONE UIFSM
Free School meal	FSM	Key stage 1	Key Stage ONE FSM
Free School meal	FSM	Key Stage 2	Key Stage Two Free
London state-funded free school meals (90%)	LFSM	Key stage 2	Key Stage Two Full Rate (£2.65)

Auto –Enrolment (FSM)

- Lewisham has progressed a process of auto-enrolment.
- This includes identifying potential pupils who could be eligible for FSM –covering primary and secondary
- Letters sent to Parents/guardians –opt out not opt in!
- Caution -process covers **Lewisham residents only**, if you have pupils who are **not Lewisham residents please ensure you encourage applications directly (i.e not in scope of our exercise)**
- Schools should still undertake due diligence
 - At present this process is too new to assess reliability so should be seen as process to supplement not replace locally encouraging parents to sign up.
 - Depending how this progresses, expectation is for progressing towards this model.
 - **PRACTICAL DETAIL'S TO FOLLOW FROM PROJECT LEAD**

Dedicated Schools Grant – Partial Settlement

In July 2023 – Lewisham received a partial settlement

This basically means –what our funding would look like if there was no movement in pupil data/characteristics

How Lewisham receives funding determines overall affordability- for each of the 4 funding blocks (Schools, CSSB, High Needs and Early Years)

Within each there is different methodology for allocating funding to stakeholders.

Dedicated Schools Grant – Partial Settlement

Schools Block funds mainstream schools – primary and secondary

High Needs Block – funds Special Schools, resource basis, top up etc

Early Years Block – funds provision for under 5's

Most schools will receive funding from a variety of the above plus from various grants.

Schools Block			
2024/25	Per Pupil Funding	Pupil Numbers	£m
Primary Schools	£6,063.62	22,552	£136.7
Secondary Schools	£8,358.01	11,628	£97.2
Sub total		34,179	£233.9
Premises Factor			£8.6
Total Cash Funding Excluding Growth			£242.5
2023/24	Per Pupil Funding	Pupil Numbers	£m
Primary Schools	5,778.12	22,552	£130.3
Secondary Schools	7,928.78	11,628	£92.2
Sub total			£222.5
Premises Factor			£7.7
MSAG			£7.6
Revised			£238
baseline per pupil	£6,956		
Difference	Per Pupil Funding	% increase	£m
Primary Schools	£285.50	5%	£6.44
Secondary Schools	£429.23	5%	£4.99
Premises Factor			£0.9
			£12.33
MSAG grant	Streamlined into the DSG		-£ 7.6

DfE headlines for Lewisham funding –

Remember ISB for each school is calculated specifically –based on APT tool

Schools Block --so what does this mean!!

Summary -			£m	%		
Net increase	increase less MSAG		£4.75	2.1%		
Split as follows :						
Premises	PFI and Split sites		£0.9	0.4%		
Non premises			£3.85	1.7%		
How Leiwisham funding is calculated - individual schools will vary depending on NFF and schools individual character						

Important to note that schools are funded using the NFF

- Specific funding for each characteristic e.g. pupil number, FSM, FSM 6, EAL etc
- Role of MFG !! Schools on MFG may find that some increase in funding is offset by reduced reliance/fall out of the MFG!! So lower cash increase
- 0.5% uplift max –subject to affordability of the APT.
- MSAG –now incorporated in above
- New grant Teachers pay additional grant –will remain separate for 2024/25

Schools in financial difficulty

DfE has stated that a “pot” will be made available for schools that are facing hardship

However no further information is available – will update as information becomes available

Please note Lewisham is one of the highest funded councils at present -

NFF values 2024/25 – INCORPORATE MSAG

Factor	23-24 APT	24-25 NFF including ACA	Increase	Comments	% increase
Primary basic entitlement	£4,035.19	£4,268.42	£233.22		6%
KS3 basic entitlement	£5,688.98	£6,018.74	£329.76		6%
KS4 basic entitlement	£6,411.85	£6,784.14	£372.29		6%
Primary FSM	£570.68	£581.46	£10.78		2%
Secondary FSM	£570.68	£581.46	£10.78		2%
Primary FSM6	£838.19	£984.93	£146.74		18%
Secondary FSM6	£1,224.59	£1,435.86	£211.27		17%
Primary IDACI F	£273.45	£278.87	£5.41		2%
Primary IDACI E	£332.90	£338.20	£5.30		2%
Primary IDACI D	£523.12	£534.00	£10.87		2%
Primary IDACI C	£570.68	£581.46	£10.78		2%
Primary IDACI B	£606.35	£617.06	£10.71		2%
Primary IDACI A	£796.58	£812.86	£16.29		2%
Secondary IDACI F	£398.29	£409.40	£11.11		3%
Secondary IDACI E	£529.07	£539.93	£10.86		2%
Secondary IDACI D	£737.13	£753.53	£16.40		2%
Secondary IDACI C	£808.47	£824.73	£16.26		2%
Secondary IDACI B	£867.91	£890.00	£22.08		3%
Secondary IDACI A	£1,105.70	£1,127.33	£21.63		2%
Primary EAL	£689.57	£706.06	£16.49		2%
Secondary EAL	£1,860.66	£1,904.59	£43.93		2%
Primary LPA	£1,373.20	£1,406.19	£32.99		2%
Secondary LPA	£2,080.61	£2,124.12	£43.51		2%
Primary mobility	£1,123.53	£1,151.06	£27.53		2%
Secondary mobility	£1,616.93	£1,655.39	£38.46		2%
Primary lump sum	£152,181.76	£161,029.76	£8,848.00		6%
Secondary lump sum	£152,181.76	£161,029.76	£8,848.00		6%
Split sites basic eligibility funding	£32,158.49	£64,435.64	£32,277.15	new method	100%
Split sites distance funding	£0.00	£32,158.49	£32,158.49	new method	
PFI remains local determination within affordability					
exceptional factors subject to approval from dfe					
MFG between 0.% to max 0.5%					

NFF values 2024/25

We cannot forecast what each schools funding will be for 2024/25 –due to variable including

- Individual movements in schools data (census 2023)
 - Overall settlement due in December
 - As explained –funding how LA receives and allocates are different methods –so affordability will be part of the equation
 - Growth fund /Falling rolls funding –new method, we have historically done well from the Growth Fund allocation
 - Effect of MFG including iterative effect of increase in cash offset by fall out of MFG – then how the uplift in MFG 0.5% max fits into this!!
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- We will share what funding could look like based on 2022 census data with uplifted NFF values –as stated (this includes MSAG funding)

Teachers Pay Additional Grant to Support the 2023/24 pay award

		2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
Allocations for period	Primary /secondary	7/12 - separate grant	Full year - separate grant	Full year -but not clear if this will remain separate grant
Allocations for period	Special/PRU	7/12 - separate grant	Full year - separate grant	Full year but not clear if this remains separate grant

Teachers Pay Additional Grant – 2023/24

Primary and Secondary Schools

- LA receive funding October 2023
- Funding rates for 2023/24 financial year

	£ with ACA
Primary	£42.80
ks3	£59.45
ks4	£67.77
Primary FSM 6	£36.86
Secondary FSM 6	£53.50
lump sum	£1,599.09

Teachers Pay Additional Grant – 2023/24

Special and AP's

- Payment in two parts - autumn based on current data ESFA has, revision in March 2024, based on updated information (place numbers)
- £315.59 Per place for 2023/24 financial year

Early Years - "yet to be advised"

Post 16

"increased the national funding rate for students aged 16 and 17 and students aged 18 and over with high needs in band 5, by a further £111 per student, to £4,753, and other funding bands will increase proportionately. This is a 4.6% increase compared to academic year 2022 to 2023. ... also increased all programme cost weightings.

More details can be found below link

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/16-to-19-funding-information-for-2023-to-2024#changes-for-2023-to-2024>

Schools Block – so do schools get 6.5% increase to fund TEACHERS pay award??

- Each school will be affected differently –winners and losers.
- Total cost of teaching staff in some schools will be higher than other schools .
- Schools with lower characteristics e.g fall in - pupil numbers, FSM numbers etc will face more pressure unless their spend is reduced.
- Things to consider also
 - TLR points etc also up by pay award
 - Entry level staff- (DfE recruitment and retention scheme), will also go up by PA
 - As baseline increases – associated costs also increase i.e oncosts –I believe there is a pension actuarial review taking place in 2024/25!! (cover both teaching and non teaching staff – previously dfe supported with funding
 - Payaward is academic year! not financial year for teachers.
- any overall increase in funding to school –is not just for teachers pay award but must cover other increase too!!
- Non – teaching staff pay award not yet agreed! (backdated to April)..minimum £2355 plus oncosts

High Needs Block

	Pupil numbers	£	£m		
Baseline (funding floors/ceilings)			74.9		
basic entitlement	1134	5646	6.4		
import /export	-493	6000	-3.0		
New schools			0.0		
import /export adjustment			-2.9		
Hospital and historic TPPG			0.4		
Provisional figure for 2024/25			78.8	sum of the blue item	
2023/24 funding			76.4		
Increase in funding			2.38		
			3%		

Again –draft settlement – suggests an increase of £2.4m i.e 3% increase in funding

Lewisham HN currently is £5m circa overspend (mitigation plan in place)

DBV –DfE sponsored diagnostics work –

Pilot of 5%- schools learner numbers with EHCP – agreed with schools forum

Early Years Funding

	Funding Per Term 2023/24			How the hourly rate will be funded	
	Summer 2023	Autumn 2023	Spring 2024	Early Years National Funding Formula	Early Years Supplementary Grant
3 & 4 Year Old Entitlement	£5.40	£5.99	£5.99	£5.40	£0.59
2 Year Old Entitlement	£6.78	£9.22	£9.22	£6.78	£2.44

Table above shows the funding position –from EY Block and EY supp Grant --

The early years pupil premium (EYPP), this is expected to be at 4p per hour (currently 62p per hour from the Dedicated Schools Grant)

The Disability Access Funding (DAF), this is expected to increase £30.92 funded from EYSG (building on the current £828 funded from the Dedicated Schools Grant)

Early Years Funding

Consultation over the summer –to consider hourly rate funding for 0.9 to 2

Basically expected to mirror the current method –which uses for example historic base, FSM, and IDACI –

Important to note that many settings have noted a reduction in numbers—question is if the reduction is consequence of changes in peoples lifestyle/working arrangements (temporary /perm, effect of new changes to pupil take up????)

–so you need to consider intake in your projections as well as the funding

Other Finance Updates

- **Budget Plans – June**
 - Letters to GB and Heads based on the June submission – accountability for the budget remains with the GB
- **Required by 15th November, with agreement 30th November**
 - Budget plans must be realistic – not over prudent or too dismissive
 - Governing Body **MUST** own the budget plans and be responsible for setting the budget
- **SBM /head –other authorised signatories etc–staff turnover**
 - Finance services **MUST** be notified as soon as it is known that a finance officer in the school is leaving to discuss business continuity
- **Submit your year-end statement for the NTP by 2pm on 29 September**
- **Dates for the Next SBM meetings**
 - Spring Term
 - Tuesday 9 January 2024, 10:00 - 12:00

Thank you for your time today 😊

- **Staff Awards –Corporate Services**
 - **Team of the year 2023 –Highly Commended**
 - **Inspirational Leader –Nominated**
 - **Volunteer of the year – Winner**

