**School Forum**

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**Permanently Excluded Pupils - Redetermination of schools budgets**

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| **Forum asked to decide / steer / be informed** | **To request a change in the redetermination of school budgets in respect of pupils that are permanently excluded** |
| **Time Needed** | **15 mins** |

**Current procedures**

The LA follow the Exclusion rules from the schools finance regulations for pupils who are subject to a governor upheld permanent exclusion.

Here is a brief summary of the exclusion rules:

* The LA reduce the budget share of the excluding school by the  AWPU (average weighted pupil unit) value for the age of the pupil from the date of the governor upheld exclusion dividing the AWPU value by 52 weeks and multiplying by the number of weeks remaining in the current funding period
* The LA will make a further one off £4,000 adjustment under a final adjustment order where an appeal panel has quashed the governing body’s decision to permanently exclude a pupil and directed they reinstate the pupil, and the school does not do so
* The LA increase the budget share of the admitting school by  the  AWPU (average weighted pupil unit) value  for the age of the pupil , divided by 52 weeks and times the number of weeks remaining in the current funding period during which the pupil is a registered pupil at the admitting school
* In addition to the AWPU the LA is required to re-determine the excluding school and admitting school budget in respect of any pupil premium payable for that pupil

For the financial year 2015-16 the AWPU and Pupil Premium Grant values per annum are as follows:

AWPU - All Primary aged pupils - £2,570.47 pa

AWPU - KS3 – £3,496.23 pa

AWPU - KS4 – £4,444.06 pa

AWPU equivalent - EFA Funded Post 16 - £4,000pa

Pupil premium Ever 6 FSM (Free School Meals) Primary - £1,320 pa

Pupil premium Ever 6 FSM (Free School Meals) Secondary - £935 pa

Pupil premium Ever 5 Service Children - £300 pa

Pupil Premium Post LAC - £1,900 pa (Adopted from LA care, or left LA care on a Special Guardianship or Arrangement Order)

(**Excludes** the Pupil premium for LAC which follows the child and is managed by the Virtual School head teacher)

The above values are estimated to be the same for FY2016-17

**Proposal**

The Forum is asked to **discuss and decide** if it is appropriate that if a pupil is subject to a governor upheld exclusion between the Autumn census date and the end of the financial year 31st March, that a reduction is made in the budget share of the excluding school for the **following** financial year/funding period in respect of the AWPU and if applicable **any of the pupil premium grants**, if the pupil was on roll on the relevant October or January census.

Currently the LA only action an adjustment to the school budgets for the Pupil Premium Ever 6 FSM.

The following **example** shows the effect of the current funding arrangements for FY2015-16 compared to the Proposed Funding arrangements:

**Example**

A KS3 aged pupil, Joe Bloggs, is permanently excluded from School A on 25th January 2016 during FY2015-16 and has been eligible by benefit to free school meals on a census day in the last six years as currently the LA only passport the pupil premium for deprivation:

**Current funding arrangements in Financial Year 2015-16 only**

**LA Funding Formula FY2015-16**

* Joe Bloggs is a KS3 aged pupil on roll at **School A** on the October 2015 census
* He is subject to a governor upheld permanent exclusion on **25th January 2016**
* Under the current rules the **LA reduce** **the budget share of** **School A** by £3,496.23 divided by 52 weeks x 10 weeks of the financial year remaining to 31st March 2016 = **£672.35**
* Joe Bloggs then **enrols at School B** on 7th March 2016 and **School B are allocated** £3,496.23 divided by 52 weeks x 4 weeks of the financial year remaining to 31st March 2016 **= £268.94**

**Nb:** the difference is held by the LA centrally to contribute towards the costs incurred by the LA for any alternative provision

**Pupil Premium adjustment FY2015-16**

* Joe Bloggs was on roll at **School A** on the January 2015 census and eligible for free school meals on a census day in the last 6 years (Ever 6 FSM), qualifying the school for pupil premium for funding of £935 pa
* Under the current rules the LA reduce the budget share of **School A** by £935 divided by 52 weeks x 10 weeks of the financial year remaining to 31st March 2016 **= £179.81** and increase the budget share of **School B** by £935 divided by 52 weeks x 4 weeks of the financial year remaining to 31st March 2016 = **£71.92**

In the Example above the total funding adjustments for **FY2015-16** are a reduction in budget share from **School A of £852.16** and an increase in budget share to **School B of £340.86**

**Proposal** **to action further transfers in the next funding period, Financial Year 2016-17**

**LA Funding Formula FY2016-17**

* As Joe Bloggs will be on roll at School A on the October 2015 census the schools will qualify for AWPU funding in the LA formula calculations for the FY2016-17
* It is proposed that the **LA reduce the budget share of School A** by the AWPU value for the age of the pupil which is assumed remains the same for FY2016-17 as in FY2015-16 at **£3,496.23** in this example
* The LA would then passport this funding estimated as **£3,496.23 to School B** in FY2016-17

**Pupil Premium adjustment FY2016-17**

* As Joe Bloggs will be on roll at School A on the January 2016 census day and has been eligible for free schools meals on a census day in the last six years ( Ever 6 FSM), the school will qualify for Pupil Premium Ever 6 FSM funding for FY2016-17
* It is proposed that the **LA reduce the budget share of School A** by the value of the pupil premium for deprivation for the age of the pupil which is assumed remains the same for FY2016-17 as in FY2015-16 at **£935 pa** in this example
* The LA would then passport this funding **of £935 pa to School B**

This means under the new criteria **Schools A‘s budget share** would be reduced by **£4,431.23** in **FY2016-17** in addition to the funding adjustments already made for FY2015-16 and this would be allocated to **School B.**

**Please note** if this example showed an exclusion date after the Oct 2015 census date and before the January 2016 census day then there would be no pupil premium grant transfer between schools and it would just be the AWPU value that is transferred for FY2016-17.

**Recommendation**

The schools forum is asked **to decide** that if they agree to this proposal to be introduced from FY2015-16, should this be backdated to 1st April 2015, and that any school that excluded pupils between 2nd Oct 2014 and 31st March 2015 should have their funding adjusted for the current FY2015-16.

There are 11 schools that had governor upheld permanent exclusions in the period 3rd Oct 2014 to 31st March 2015 that would be affected by the introduction of this policy if it were back dated.