

Report to: Task and Finish Group

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1. Introduction

- 1.1. This briefing examines the methodology behind the SEBD Outreach Service (SEBDOS) budget for all schools, i.e. those in the maintained and academy sector and primary and secondary phases, against the targeted pupils' relative need.
- 1.2. The methodology at an individual school level is identical in each sector across both phases. However, the delegated allocations are retained by individual academies, whereas, for maintained schools, allocations are de-delegated and passported to the Specialist Education Trust for the provision of the SEBDOS in agreement with Slough BC.
- 1.3. **The figures reported through the report in the text and tables are indicative based on the 2014.15 SEBDOS allocations (at the time of writing the 2015.16 allocations had not been provided by the LA) but the principles remain the same.**

2. Current Methodology

- 2.1. The current methodology is based upon two formulaic elements comprising the number of pupils eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) and the number of Low Attainment Pupils, these being the proxy indicators of children that will be more likely to require support from SEBDOS.
- 2.2. A cash value is assigned to each phase (currently £479k for Primary and £126k for Secondary), each of which is then split in equal values between the FSM and Low Attainment elements (i.e. £239k for Primary schools across each element and £63k for Secondary Schools across each element).
- 2.3. Then, in isolation in each phase and element, these cash values are divided by the relevant total pupils to produce a per pupil allocation and then multiplied by the number of pupils in each school to produce a school level allocation. This calculation is illustrated in Table 1.

Table 1 - Current Methodology of Budget Allocation

Details	Primary Schools	Secondary Schools	Total Funds	Difference Primary vs Secondary
Total cash values	£479,591.00	£126,019.00	£605,610.00	
FSM Allocation (50%)	£239,795.50	£63,009.50	£302,805.00	
Pupil numbers	3,245.04	1,527.52	4,772.56	
Per pupil allocation	£73.90	£41.25	£63.45	£32.65
Low Attainment Allocation (50%)	£239,795.50	£63,009.50	£302,805.00	
Pupil numbers	3,529.25	1,697.19	5,226.43	
Per pupil allocation	£67.95	£37.13	£57.94	£30.82
Total per pupil allocation	£70.80	£39.08	£60.57	£31.72

2.4. Here we can see that the funds provided for a primary school pupil in respect of FSM is £73.90 compared to £41.25 for a secondary school pupil, i.e. £32.65 (79.2%) more. Similarly for Low Attainment the funds provided for a primary school pupil are £67.95 compared to £37.13 for a secondary school pupil, i.e. £30.82 (83.0%) more. Overall primary aged children are funded at £31.72 (81.2%) more than Secondary aged children.

2.5. This suggests that the relative needs of primary aged children requiring SEBDOS support are significantly greater than that of their secondary peers.

2.6. The historic rationale behind this allocation methodology in terms of the cash split between the FSM element and the Low Attainment element and also the higher weighting towards Primary aged pupils has not been identified.

2.7. However, what is clear is that it is not the case that primary aged children have greater need, and in fact the need for primary aged children is equal to that of secondary aged children. For this reason it is proposed that the allocation methodology should be amended to reflect this.

3. Proposed Methodology

3.1. Under the proposed methodology it is suggested that the cash allocations across FSM and Low Attainment remain as they are but that the per pupil allocations are calculated globally rather than isolated within each age phasing to produce parity in terms of the per pupil allocations in each phase.

3.2. This calculation is outlined in table 2.

Table 2 - Proposed Methodology of Budget Allocation

Details	All Schools FSM	All Schools Low Attainment	Total Funds
Total cash values	£302,805.00	£302,805.00	£605,610.00
Pupil numbers	4,772.56	5,226.43	9,998.99
Per pupil allocation	£63.45	£57.94	£60.57

- 3.3. This approach will result in an identical per pupil allocation in each phase for FSM pupils of £63.45 and for Low Attainment pupils £57.84.
- 3.4. As you can see by comparing tables 1 and 2 the total funds remain constant at £605k as does the total per pupil funding level of £60.57 (although in the current methodology this is the average pupil unit funding of the 2 phases).
- 3.5. The rates differ between target groups because the total number of eligible pupils within the Low Attainment group is higher than that in the FSM group.

4. Impact

- 4.1. The proposal has no overall impact on the total funds available for the service or for schools per se but naturally it will shift funds from the primary sector into the secondary sector and so will mean that individual school budget allocations will change as a result. This can be seen from the changes in per pupil funds in each age phase between tables 1 and 2.
- 4.2. For the maintained sector this means that the level of support that can be accessed 'free of charge' (that is reflecting the de-delegated sum specific to a school) will change and that for the academy sector the actual cash level of school budgets will change.
- 4.3. The overall impact would be to shift £69k from the primary sector into the secondary sector, represented by £34k re FSM and £35k re Low Attainment.
- 4.4. In terms of SEBDOS itself this could have an impact on funding if this diverts more funds to academies that do not buy back the service. This is an area that the service will keep under review.
- 4.5. Appendix A at the end of this document identifies the indicative impact on a school by school basis. **However what must be borne in mind is that the proposal looks to install parity of funding to reflect the existing parity in need at a pupil level and not to protect historic school by school funding allocations.**

5. Conclusion

- 5.1. The inevitable and obvious consequence of changing any formulaic allocation of a fixed sum of funding is that, on a school by school level, there will be changes in the level of funds that are allocated.
- 5.2. However this proposal is focussed on prioritising and meeting the educational needs of children with social, emotional and behavioural difficulties by ensuring that there is equity in the opportunity for them to access this provision regardless of the age of the child, bearing in mind that there is no difference in the needs of the different aged children.
It is proposed to implement this change of methodology with effect from the 2016/17 financial year. Schools Forum support for this approach would be welcomed.

School by School Analysis of Current Methodology vs Proposed Methodology

School	FSM (Ever 6)				Low Attainment				Total		
	Pupil Nos	Alloc current method	Alloc NEW method	Change in Alloc Reduce (-) Increase (+)	Pupil Nos	Alloc current method	Alloc NEW method	Change in Alloc Reduce (-) Increase (+)	Alloc current method	Alloc NEW method	Change in Alloc Reduce (-) Increase (+)
		£	£	£		£	£	£			
Western House Primary School	100.94	7,459	6,404	(1,055)	136.77	9,293	7,924	(1,369)	16,752	14,328	(2,424)
PARLAUNT PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL	152.83	11,293	9,696	(1,597)	165.22	11,226	9,572	(1,654)	22,519	19,268	(3,251)
Wexham Court Primary School	149.34	11,035	9,475	(1,560)	102.83	6,987	5,958	(1,029)	18,022	15,433	(2,589)
Penn Wood Primary and Nursery Sch	176.05	13,009	11,170	(1,839)	214.20	14,554	12,410	(2,144)	27,563	23,580	(3,983)
Claycots Primary	285.46	21,095	18,113	(2,982)	290.36	19,729	16,823	(2,906)	40,824	34,936	(5,888)
St. Mary's C E Primary School	115.68	8,548	7,339	(1,209)	177.21	12,041	10,267	(1,774)	20,589	17,606	(2,983)
OUR LADY OF PEACE R.C.INFANT	41.31	3,052	2,621	(431)	117.68	7,996	6,818	(1,178)	11,048	9,439	(1,609)
Our Lady of Peace Junior	47.73	3,527	3,028	(499)	48.86	3,320	2,831	(489)	6,847	5,859	(988)
St. Ethelbert's Catholic Primary School	56.06	4,143	3,557	(586)	111.80	7,596	6,477	(1,119)	11,739	10,034	(1,705)
ST ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY	56.21	4,154	3,566	(588)	190.85	12,968	11,057	(1,911)	17,122	14,623	(2,499)
Khalsa Primary School	54.00	3,990	3,426	(564)	36.52	2,482	2,116	(366)	6,472	5,542	(930)
IQRA Slough Islamic Primary School	226.00	16,701	14,340	(2,361)	138.08	9,382	8,000	(1,382)	26,083	22,340	(3,743)
Priory School	134.27	9,922	8,519	(1,403)	176.43	11,988	10,222	(1,766)	21,910	18,741	(3,169)
Holy Family Catholic School	20.95	1,548	1,329	(219)	81.30	5,524	4,711	(813)	7,072	6,040	(1,032)
Pippins School	18.69	1,381	1,186	(195)	40.62	2,760	2,354	(406)	4,141	3,540	(601)
Willow Primary School	100.97	7,461	6,406	(1,055)	82.63	5,614	4,787	(827)	13,075	11,193	(1,882)
James Elliman Academy	161.77	11,954	10,264	(1,690)	157.57	10,706	9,129	(1,577)	22,660	19,393	(3,267)
Colnbrook C.E. Primary School	52.60	3,887	3,338	(549)	78.76	5,351	4,563	(788)	9,238	7,901	(1,337)
Cippenham Infant School	26.70	1,973	1,694	(279)	68.53	4,657	3,971	(686)	6,630	5,665	(965)
Godolphin Infant School	108.30	8,003	6,871	(1,132)	160.54	10,908	9,301	(1,607)	18,911	16,172	(2,739)
The Godolphin Junior School	180.77	13,358	11,469	(1,889)	82.13	5,580	4,758	(822)	18,938	16,227	(2,711)
Marish Primary School	186.92	13,813	11,860	(1,953)	157.76	10,719	9,140	(1,579)	24,532	21,000	(3,532)
Cippenham Primary School	191.15	14,125	12,129	(1,996)	125.21	8,507	7,254	(1,253)	22,632	19,383	(3,249)
Castleview School	30.98	2,289	1,965	(324)	34.05	2,314	1,973	(341)	4,603	3,938	(665)
Lynch Hill School	197.52	14,596	12,533	(2,063)	174.72	11,871	10,123	(1,748)	26,467	22,656	(3,811)

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Ryvers School	107.43	7,939	6,816	(1,123)	87.23	5,927	5,054	(873)	13,866	11,870	(1,996)
Foxborough Primary School	79.04	5,841	5,015	(826)	72.66	4,937	4,210	(727)	10,778	9,225	(1,553)
Montem Primary School	185.38	13,699	11,762	(1,937)	218.70	14,860	12,671	(2,189)	28,559	24,433	(4,126)
Primary Schools	3,245.04	239,795	205,891	(33,904)	3,529.25	239,797	204,474	(35,323)	479,592	410,365	(69,227)
BEECHWOOD SCHOOL	274.63	11,328	17,424	6,096	196.05	7,278	11,358	4,080	18,606	28,782	10,176
Wexham School	339.37	13,999	21,532	7,533	291.58	10,825	16,893	6,068	24,824	38,425	13,601
St Bernard's Catholic Grammar School	23.85	984	1,513	529	0.00	0	0	0	984	1,513	529
St Joseph's Catholic High School	127.81	5,272	8,109	2,837	197.11	7,318	11,420	4,102	12,590	19,529	6,939
BAYLIS COURT SCHOOL	156.00	6,435	9,898	3,463	197.40	7,328	11,437	4,109	13,763	21,335	7,572
Slough & Eton CofE Bus & Ent College	226.76	9,354	14,387	5,033	325.05	12,068	18,834	6,766	21,422	33,221	11,799
LANGLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL	19.00	784	1,205	421	0.00	0	0	0	784	1,205	421
Herschel Grammar School	36.00	1,485	2,284	799	2.23	83	129	46	1,568	2,413	845
Upton Court Grammar School	31.00	1,279	1,967	688	2.25	84	131	47	1,363	2,098	735
THE WESTGATE SCHOOL	135.98	5,609	8,627	3,018	238.46	8,853	13,816	4,963	14,462	22,443	7,981
The Langley Academy	157.13	6,482	9,969	3,487	247.06	9,172	14,314	5,142	15,654	24,283	8,629
Secondary Schools	1,527.52	63,011	96,915	33,904	1,697.19	63,009	98,332	35,323	126,020	195,247	69,227
Total	4,772.56	302,806	302,806	0	5,226.43	302,806	302,806	0	605,612	605,612	0