**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 values per annum are as follows:

All Primary aged pupils - £2,570.47 pa

KS3 – £3,496.23 pa

KS4 – £4,444.06 pa

EFA Funded Post 16 - £4,000pa

**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 that a reduction is made in the budget share for the following financial year/funding period in respect of the AWPU, if the pupil was on roll on the previous year autumn census. This would not apply to pupil premium as the January census is used to calculate this funding.

**Example for pupil XY permanently excluded from School A during FY2015-16**:

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

* XY is a primary aged pupil on roll at **School A** on the October 2015 census
* He is subject to a governor upheld permanent exclusion on 27th November 2015
* Under the current rules the **LA reduce** **the budget share of** **School A** by £3,496.23 divided by 52 weeks x 18 weeks of the financial year remaining to 31st March 2016 = **£1,210.23**
* XY then **enrols at School B** on 4th Jan 2016 and **School B are allocated** £3,496.23 divided by 52 weeks x 13 weeks of the financial year remaining to 31st March 2016 **= £874.06**

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

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

* As XY 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 would 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**