

2.2 – Annex F Government Grants 2021/22

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1 Purpose

1.1 To advise the Schools Forum of the government grants for the financial year 2021/22.

2 Recommendations

2.1 To **note** the government grants for 2021/22.

3 Pupil Premium

3.1 The government has confirmed that Pupil Premium will continue in 2021/22 and the rates will stay the same as for 2020/21. The amount an individual school will receive is usually based on the number of eligible pupils as at the January census but for 2021/22 it will be calculated on the October 2020 pupil census. Exceptions to that include alternative provision and pupil referral units where eligibility will continue to be based on the January census. Further information about this change will be issued in the new year. Schools are encouraged to ensure all eligible pupils are recorded on the census.

3.2 Eligibility is based on a number of criteria:

- **Disadvantaged Children ‘Ever FSM 6’ Eligibility** – The pupil premium for 2021/22 will be £1,345 per primary pupil and £955 per secondary pupil. These are the same rates as 2020/21. The pupil premium for 2021/22 will include pupils recorded in the October 2020 school census who have had a recorded period of FSM eligibility since May 2014, as well as those first recorded as eligible at January 2020.
- **Service Children “Ever 6” Eligibility** – The rate for 2021/22 will be £310 (same rate as 2020/21) for each pupil in year groups reception to year 11 who is either an Ever 6 service child or in receipt of child pension from the Ministry of Defence. An Ever 6 service child means a pupil recorded in the October 2020 census who was eligible for the service child premium since the January 2014 census as well as those recorded as a service child for the first time on the October 2020 school

census.

- **Looked After Children** – The rate for 2021/22 will be £2,345 (same rate as 2020/21) for each eligible looked after child. The eligibility covers all those who have been looked after for one day or more as recorded in the March 2020 children looked-after data return (SSDA903) and aged 4 to 15 at 31 August 2019. The virtual school head will work closely with schools to ensure that, as the ‘corporate parent’ of looked after children the funding is used to maximum effect.

The pupil premium for 2021/22 will include pupils recorded in the October 2020 school census and alternative provision census, who were looked after by a local authority immediately before being adopted, or who left local authority care on a special guardianship order or child arrangements order (previously known as a residence order). These are collectively referred to as post-LAC and will also be eligible of funding at £2,345.

- 3.3 Early Years Pupil Premium is payable to schools, nurseries and childminders, who will receive £302.10 per year for every eligible 3 and 4 year old. The additional funding is to support disadvantaged children and will be applied where the child is from a low-income family or where the child is looked after or have left care through an adoption order, special guardianship order or a child arrangements order.
- 3.4 The DfE will continue to require schools to publish online information about how they have used the Pupil Premium. This is intended to enable parents and others to monitor the achievement of pupils covered by the Pupil Premium.

4 Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM)

- 4.1 The Universal Infant Free School Meals grant (UIFSM) is allocated on an academic year and the funding is agreed until August 2021. The allocation is based on the average number of meals recorded in the school census in October 2020 and January 2021 is paid at a rate of £2.34 per meal. Further information for 2021/22 is expected in early 2021.

5 Free School Meal Supplementary Grant

- 5.1 The Free School Meal (FSM) Supplementary Grant is allocated on an academic year and the funding is agreed until August 2021. This will apply to increases in FSM pupil numbers between October 2019 and October 2020, at a per pupil rate of £450. Allocations will be made in February 2021.

6 Primary PE and Sports Premium

- 6.1 The Primary PE and Sports Premium grant is allocated on an academic year and the funding is agreed until August 2021. Further announcements on this grant funding are expected in the new year.
- 6.2 In 2020/21 the allocation was based on the number of pupils in years 1 to 6 as recorded in the January 2020 census.

- Schools with 16 or fewer pupils received £1,000 per pupil
- Schools with 17 or more pupils received £16,000 + £10 per pupil.

Further guidance can be found [here](#).

7 Catch Up Premium

7.1 The Catch-Up Premium funding is to support children and young people to catch up lost time after school closure. This is especially important for the most vulnerable and disadvantaged backgrounds. Funding allocations for the 2020/21 academic year will be calculated as follows:

- Mainstream schools will receive £80 for each pupil from reception to year 11 inclusive
- Special, AP and hospital schools will get £240 for each place for the 2020/21 academic year.

Further guidance can be found [here](#).

8 School Improvement Monitoring and Brokering

8.1 School improvement is not included in the NFF arrangements and LAs receive the school improvement monitoring and brokerage grant to cover their statutory intervention functions and monitoring and commissioning of school improvement support. MK's allocation for 2019/20 funding was £0.302m and for 2020/21 £0.297m. Funding beyond March 2021 is yet to be confirmed.