

ROYAL BOROUGH OF WINDSOR & MAIDENHEAD SCHOOLS FORUM

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1 REPORT SUMMARY

- 1.1 This paper summarises recently published guidance on the arrangements for funding the Universal Infant Free School Meal (UIFSM) from September 2014, and sets out, for information, indicative allocations for academic year 2014-15 that RBWM maintained schools and academies could receive based on the new guidance.
- 1.2 **Schools Forum members are asked to note the contents of the paper.**

2 Universal Infant Free School Meals

- 2.1 The Children and Families Bill will place a duty on all state-funded schools to offer a free meal to all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 from September 2014. Currently only pupils who are eligible for free school meals under the existing eligibility criteria¹ are entitled to a free meal. On 6 March, the DfE published more [detailed guidance](#)² on the funding arrangements supporting the roll-out of Universal Infant Free School Meals. The key points of the new arrangements are summarised below. Indicative revenue and transitional funding allocations for academic year 2014/15 for RBWM schools are attached at **Annex A**. On average, RBWM schools will receive around £38,000 each, with an additional transitional allocation of around £6,000 to £8,000 for smaller schools.

Eligibility

- 2.2 All pupils in reception, year 1 and year 2 in maintained schools, academies, free schools, pupil referral units and alternative provision will be eligible for free school meals. Children in maintained nursery classes or maintained nursery schools are not covered by the new legislation but will continue to receive a free meal if they meet the existing eligibility criteria.

Meal requirements

- 2.3 Schools will be required to provide a lunchtime meal that meets the School Food Standards where they apply. The expectation is that the offer will be for a hot meal.

¹ Parents or carers must be in receipt of one or more of the following benefits: Income Support, Income-based Jobseekers Allowance, Income-related Employment and Support Allowance, Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999, the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit, Child Tax Credit (provided they are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190, as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs), Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit, During the initial roll out of the benefit, Universal Credit

² "Universal Infant Free School Meals – Departmental advice for LAs, maintained schools, academies and free schools", March 2014.

Revenue funding

- 2.4 Revenue funding will be based on a rate of £2.30 for each meal taken by pupils who will become newly eligible for a free meal. Schools will be expected to continue to fund meals for pupils eligible for FSMs under the existing criteria in the same way that they do currently.
- 2.5 Schools will be notified of their provisional full year revenue funding allocation for the 2014 to 2015 academic year in June 2014. This will be based on pupil data from the January 2014 Schools Census and an assumption that 87% of newly eligible pupils will take 190 meals in the course of a full academic year.
- 2.6 Provisional allocations will be revised later in the academic year based on actual take-up data derived from an average of the October 2014 and January 2015 Schools Censuses. Allocations may therefore be revised either up or down.
- 2.7 Funding of UIFSM beyond a/y 2015/16 will be considered as part of the next Spending Review.

Transitional funding

- 2.8 Transitional funding will be allocated to small schools for one year only. This funding will be in addition to revenue funding and will not be adjusted for actual take-up. Schools can choose how to spend this funding to support of the implementation of the policy, including for the purpose of improving kitchen or dining equipment.
- 2.9 Small schools are defined as those with a total roll of up to 150 pupils as at the January 2014 census. (Our assumption in modelling RBWM allocations is that the 150 roll number excludes those in nursery classes. If this assumption is wrong, fewer schools will be eligible for transitional funding).
- 2.10 Allocations will be based on a sliding scale from £210 per newly eligible pupil for schools with fewer than 30 pupils in total, to £100 per newly eligible pupil for schools with 121-150 pupils, with a minimum allocation of £3,000 per school.

Capital funding

- 2.11 RBWM was notified in December 2013 of a capital allocation of £357,000 (£255k for LA maintained schools, £102k for VA schools) to support the delivery of UIFSM. Separate capital funding is available for academies. Officers are currently working with schools in order to prioritise how the funding should be used and how it might effectively be combined with other rolling capital programmes for kitchen refurbishment. Kitchens are currently being given a higher priority than insufficient dining space.

2.12 Pupil Premium

The DfE has stated that the way in which pupil premium is calculated will not be affected by the UIFSM. Pupil Premium allocations for f/y 2014-15 are based on January 2014 census data, before the implementation of the UIFSM. Allocations in 2015-16 will continue to be based on FSM eligibility criteria. There is some concern among schools and local authorities that the availability of free meals for all infant children will make parents less likely to register for free school meals, resulting in a reduced Pupil Premium allocation for those schools.

- 2.13 The DfE guidance provides a link to the [UIFSM Toolkit - School Food Plan](#) which gives advice about how schools might safeguard their pupil premium funding. It also points schools to other sources of practical support commissioned from, among others, the Children's Food Trust and the Lead Association of Catering in Education.

Indicative Universal Infant Free School Meals funding Academic year 2014/15

Assumptions

- Indicative allocations based on spring 2014 census data
- Funding to be adjusted for actual uptake based on average of Oct 2014 and Jan 2015 Census
- NOR excludes nursery class pupils
- Part time reception pupils are assumed to be full time
- PRU pupils not shown

Transitional funding – small schools

Total pupils on school roll	Funding per pupil
1-30	£210
31-60	£190
61-90	£160
91-120	£135
121-150	£100

	NOR at school (R - Yr6)	Eligible pupils in R, Y1 and Y2	FSM pupils in R, Y1 and Y2	Eligible pupils for UIFSM (100% take-up)	UIFSM funding (100% take-up) @ £2.30 per meal * 190 days	UIFSM funding (87% take-up) @ £2.30 per meal * 190 days	Transitional funding for one year only
Alexander First School	95	72	9	63	£27,531	£23,952	£8,505
All Saints C.of E. Controlled	226	0		0	£0	£0	
Alwyn Infant School	310	310	24	286	£124,982	£108,734	
Bisham School	115	50	6	44	£19,228	£16,728	£5,940
Boyne Hill CE Infant School	180	180	28	152	£66,424	£57,789	
Braywood CE First School	134	86	3	83	£36,271	£31,556	£8,300
Burchetts Green CE Infant School	65	65	2	63	£27,531	£23,952	£10,080
Cheapside CE Primary School	110	49		49	£21,413	£18,629	£6,615
Clewer Green CE Aided First School	248	160	11	149	£65,113	£56,648	
Cookham Dean CE Aided Primary	178	78	3	75	£32,775	£28,514	
Cookham Rise Primary School	208	90	9	81	£35,397	£30,795	
Courthouse Junior School	387	0		0	£0	£0	
Datchet St. Mary's School	208	88	8	80	£34,960	£30,415	
Dedworth Green First School	144	87	23	64	£27,968	£24,332	£6,400
Ellington Primary School	219	105	13	92	£40,204	£34,977	
Eton Porny C of E First School	134	86	10	76	£33,212	£28,894	£7,600
Eton Wick C.E. First School	147	86	6	80	£34,960	£30,415	£8,000
Furze Platt Infant School	270	270	14	256	£111,872	£97,329	
Furze Platt Junior School	315	0		0	£0	£0	
Hilltop First School	207	129	15	114	£49,818	£43,342	
Holy Trinity CE Primary School	207	98	3	95	£41,515	£36,118	
Holy Trinity CE Primary School	212	90	3	87	£38,019	£33,077	
Holyport CE Primary School	379	181	7	174	£76,038	£66,153	
Homer First School	200	121	9	112	£48,944	£42,581	
Kings Court First School	217	134	6	128	£55,936	£48,664	
Knowl Hill CE Primary School	82	44	3	41	£17,917	£15,588	£6,560
Larchfield Primary School	180	86	16	70	£30,590	£26,613	
Lowbrook Academy	263	120	3	117	£51,129	£44,482	
Oakfield First School	267	178	14	164	£71,668	£62,351	
Oldfield Primary School	271	150	10	140	£61,180	£53,227	
South Ascot Village School	211	99	10	89	£38,893	£33,837	
St Edmund Campion Catholic Primary	378	185	3	182	£79,534	£69,195	
St Edward's Catholic First School	237	147	3	144	£62,928	£54,747	
St Francis Catholic Primary	210	90		90	£39,330	£34,217	
St Luke's CE Primary School	231	113	16	97	£42,389	£36,878	
St Mary's Catholic Primary School	307	135	9	126	£55,062	£47,904	
St Michael's CE Primary School	211	90	3	87	£38,019	£33,077	
The Queen Anne RF CE First	142	89	3	86	£37,582	£32,696	£8,600
The Royal School	99	60	3	57	£24,909	£21,671	£7,695
Trinity St Stephen CE First	134	87	5	82	£35,834	£31,176	£8,200
Waltham St. Lawrence CP School	128	54	6	48	£20,976	£18,249	£4,800
Wessex Primary School	433	185	22	163	£71,231	£61,971	
White Waltham C of E Academy	209	90	2	88	£38,456	£33,457	
Woodlands Park Primary School	115	68	18	50	£21,850	£19,010	£6,750
Wraysbury Primary School	364	172	20	152	£66,424	£57,789	
Manor Green School	200	31	6	25	£10,925	£9,505	
TOTAL COST	9,787	4,888	387	4,501	1,966,937	1,711,235	104,045