



**Haringey** Council

**The Children and Young People's Service**

**Report to Haringey Schools Forum – 25 March 2014**

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**Report Title: Revenue Funding for Universal Infant Free School Meals.**

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**Purpose:**

**To update members on the latest information on the funding of  
Universal Infant Free School Meals.**

**Recommendations:**

**That members note the report.**

## **1. Introduction.**

- 1.1. The Children and Families Bill places a legal duty on state-funded schools in England, including academies and free schools, to offer a free school lunch to all pupils in reception, year 1 and year 2. Subject to Royal Assent, which is expected in March 2014, the duty will come into force from September 2014.

## **2. General Revenue Funding.**

- 2.1. Revenue funding will be based on a rate of £2.30 for each meal taken by pupils who will become newly eligible for a FSM as a result of the Universal Infant Free School Meal (UIFSM) policy. 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. The DfE is introducing a new indicator on the Schools Census which will enable schools to state how many newly eligible infants (i.e. infants not eligible for free school meals under the existing criteria) are taking a FSM. This new indicator will be introduced from October 2014.
- 2.2. Schools will be notified of their provisional full year revenue funding allocation for the 2014 to 2015 academic year in June 2014. Local Authorities (LAs) will receive the first 2014 to 2015 payment for maintained schools at the end of June 2014, with academies and free schools shortly after in their next scheduled payment in early July, and newly opening academies and free schools in early September. This payment will provide funding for the first two terms of the academic year (which represents the remainder of the 2014 to 2015 financial year for LA maintained schools).
- 2.3. This allocation will be based on pupil data from the January 2014 Schools Census as well as planning assumptions that:
  - (i) Eighty seven percent of newly eligible pupils will take meals, and
  - (ii) Those pupils will take 190 school meals in the course of a full academic year.
- 2.4. This provisional allocation 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 and the payment for the third term of the 2014 to 2015 academic year (the first payment in the new financial year for LA maintained schools) will be adjusted accordingly. An estimate of the provisional allocation, based on the unadjusted January 2014 Census, is shown in the Appendix to this report.

- 2.5. Schools with an actual take-up rate above the assumed take-up rate of 87% will have the provisional third term payment, to be made in April 2015, adjusted upwards and those below this rate will have it adjusted downwards. Those schools with low levels of take-up may receive no extra payment in the third term.
- 2.6. The allocation methodology for the 2015 to 2016 academic year will be confirmed in due course. The DfE's intention is that it will be based on take-up data from the Schools Census. Funding for this policy beyond the 2015 to 2016 financial year will be considered as part of the next Spending Review, along with all other government expenditure.
- 2.7. The DfE will provide detailed terms and conditions and further advice on issues such as closing schools and the year-end accounting treatment for an academic year grant.

### **3. Small Schools Transitional Funding.**

- 3.1. The DfE is also providing additional transitional funding for one year only to small schools (schools with a total roll of fewer than 150 pupils according to the January 2014 Schools Census). Funding will be provided as a lump sum in June 2014. This can be spent as schools choose in support of their implementation of the policy, including for the purpose of improving kitchen or dining equipment, and will not be adjusted later to take account of take-up. In Haringey, no maintained mainstream school will be eligible, but we expect special schools with primary age pupils and The Tuition Centre to be eligible for funding of between £3,000 and £3,500 each. However, this is subject to confirmation by the DfE. The free schools will also be eligible for this funding.

### **4. Pupil Premium.**

- 4.1. Headteachers have expressed concern over the impact of UIFSM on Pupil Premium funding. The introduction of UIFSM in September 2014 will have no impact on the 2014-15 Pupil Premium as this will be based on the January 2014 Census. The DfE have stated that for the financial year 2015 to 2016, the same criteria currently used to assess FSM eligibility (i.e. receipt of qualifying benefits) will continue to be used to assess whether a pupil qualifies for the pupil premium. The DfE have published a Toolkit to help with the introduction of UIFSM including advice for maintaining FSM registration.

**Appendix: Estimated Provisional Allocations for Universal Infant  
Free School Meals September 2014 to March 2015.**

	Number in Cohort	Number Eligible for FSM	Newly Eligible	With % Applied	Contribution £
Alexandra Primary School	188	74	114	99	28,970
Belmont Infant School	174	26	148	129	37,611
Blanche Nevile	8	3	5	4	1,271
Bounds Green Infant School	209	54	155	135	39,390
Bruce Grove Primary School	178	57	121	105	30,749
Campsbourne Infant School	175	40	135	117	34,307
Chestnuts Primary School	179	46	133	116	33,799
Coldfall Primary	276	21	255	222	64,802
Coleridge Primary	360	36	324	282	82,337
Crowland Primary School	169	27	142	124	36,086
Devonshire Hill Primary School	192	74	118	103	29,987
Earlham Primary	171	39	132	115	33,545
Earlsmead Primary School	206	53	153	133	38,881
Ferry Lane Primary School	89	18	71	62	18,043
Haringey Tuition Service	2		2	2	508
Harris Primary Academy Coleraine Park	169	64	105	91	26,683
Harris Primary Academy Philip Lane	191	63	128	111	32,528
Hartsbrook E-ACT Free School	119	34	85	74	21,601
Highgate Primary School	166	21	145	126	36,848
Holy Trinity CE Primary School	88	26	62	54	15,756
Lancasterian Primary School	203	65	138	120	35,070
Lea Valley Primary School	184	76	108	94	27,446
Lordship Lane Primary School	293	81	212	184	53,875
Muswell Hill Primary School	182	6	176	153	44,726

Noel Park Primary School	213	63	150	131	38,119
North Harringay Primary School	180	48	132	115	33,545
Our Lady of Muswell RC Primary School	179	16	163	142	41,423
Rhodes Avenue Primary	271	12	259	225	65,819
Risley Avenue Primary School	277	104	173	151	43,964
Rokesly Infant School	267	31	236	205	59,974
Seven Sisters Primary School	192	146	46	40	11,690
South Harringay Infant School & The Ladder Children's Centre	200	47	153	133	38,881
St Aidan's VC Primary School	90	14	76	66	19,314
St Ann's CE Primary School	90	28	62	54	15,756
St Francis de Sales Catholic Infant & Junior School	268	80	188	164	47,776
St Ignatius RC Primary School	170	53	117	102	29,733
St James C of E Primary	90	1	89	77	22,617
St John Vianney Catholic Primary	93	18	75	65	19,060
St Martin of Porres RC Primary School	90	2	88	77	22,363
St Mary's CE Primary School	209	63	146	127	37,103
St Mary's RC Infant School	175	31	144	125	36,594
St Michael's CE Primary School, N22	86	28	58	50	14,739
St Michael's Primary - N6	181	7	174	151	44,218
St Paul's & All Hallows Infant School	175	49	126	110	32,020
St Paul's Catholic Primary School	88	17	71	62	18,043
St Peter In Chains RC Infant School	176	30	146	127	37,103
Stamford Hill Primary School	95	28	67	58	17,027
Stroud Green Primary	177	53	124	108	31,512
Tetherdown Primary	180	2	178	155	45,235
The Brook Special School	42	16	26	23	6,607
The Mulberry Primary School	265	81	184	160	46,759
The Octagon	1	1	-	-	-
The Willow Primary School	180	61	119	104	30,241
Tiverton Primary School	177	67	110	96	27,954

Trinity Primary Academy	186	60	126	110	32,020
Vale	17	5	12	10	3,050
Welbourne Primary	233	84	149	130	37,865
West Green Primary School	94	27	67	58	17,027
Weston Park Primary School	152	16	136	118	34,561
<b>Grand Total</b>	9,730	2,393	7,337	6,383	1,864,530

