Vale of Glamorgan Council

Mainstream Schools Funding Formula 2022/23



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Vale of Glamorgan Council Funding Formula for Mainstream Schools

1. Introduction

This formula was constructed by the Mainstream schools funding formula review group (a sub-group of the Budget Forum) following the 2016/17 review of the funding formula for schools in accordance with Vale of Glamorgan Council Fair Funding Scheme for Schools, the School Funding (Wales) Regulations 2010 and the School Standards and Framework Act 1998.

This formula has been reviewed and revised throughout the 2017/18 to 2021/22 financial years by the Budget Forum. This formula will be subject to continual review and will remain an annual item on the Budget Forum programme of work in order to ensure that it remains relevant and responds to changes in central government funding.

2. Budget

The 2022/23 budget was approved by cabinet on February 28th 2022 and full Council on March 7th 2022. The Council has awarded growth of £6,431,000 to the schools' budget of which £5,028,000 was awarded to the mainstream sector as summarised in the table below.

Schools Budget Growth	Mainstream	Special	Total
	Sector	Sector	
Pay Inflation	£2,501,000	£243,000	£2,744,000
National insurance inc.	£577,000	£60,000	£637,000
Demographic growth	£1,000,000	£1,000,000	£2,000,000
ALN mainstream support	£500,000		£500,000
Free school meals	£350,000		£350,000
Learning and Wellbeing class		£100,000	£100,000
Autism base Whitmore	£100,000		£100,000
TOTAL Growth	£5,028,000	£1,403,000	£6,431,000

Note – the estimated pay inflation awarded in the budget of £2,744,000 was based on the estimates of 3% for teaching staff from September 2022 and 3% for non-teaching staff from April 2022.

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The following amounts were transferred out of the schools' budget

•	Creation of ICT hwb end user device replacement fund	£320,000
•	Creation of decarbonisation fund for schools	£ 25,000
•	Non del resource units staffing	£ 19,000

The following transfers were made between the mainstream schools' budget and the special school budget

• Transfer Gladstone resource base 5/12 £ 171,000

There are no efficiency savings allocated to the Mainstream schools' budget for the 2022/23 financial year

Summary of movement on the Mainstream Schools Budget

	£'000
2021/22 Mainstream Schools Budget	87,163
Growth	5,028
Transfers from delegated budget	(364)
Transfer to Special sector	(171)
Efficiency Savings	0
2020/21 Mainstream Schools Budget	91,656
Increase	5.2%

3. Pupil Numbers

In order to ensure schools have sufficient funding to cover the September intake, funding is based on a calculation for adjusted pupil numbers. Adjusted pupil numbers are calculated as shown below

- Current number on roll (should match unverified January 2022 PLASC)
- Plus 50% of the projection for the following year number on roll (Jan 2023)
- Less 50% of the previous year (2021) forecast for the current year (Jan 2022)

Adding 50% of the projection for the following year ensures that the school has sufficient funding to manage the September intake. Deducting 50% of the previous year forecast will ensure an automatic claw-back for schools that had over projected pupil numbers and an additional allocation for those where pupil numbers had been under projected.

The adjusted pupil number calculation for the 2022/23 mainstream formula is identified in the table below.

	Jan 2022 (NOR/Plasc)	Jan 2022 (previous yr Estimate)	Jan 2023 Estimate	Adjusted Pupil Numbers
		<mark>Less 50%</mark>	<mark>Plus 50%</mark>	
Nursery/ Primary	12,436	12,552	12,450	12,385
Secondary (Year 7–11)	8,239	8,348	8,475	8,302
TOTAL	20,675	20,900	20,925	20,687

Note - excludes Post 16 which is funded by the Post 16 grant

The table below shows the overall decrease in adjusted pupil numbers from the 2021/22 formula to the 2022/23 formula.

	Adj. pupil no. 21/22	Adj. pupil no. 22/23	Movement
Nursery/Primary	12,509	12,385	(124)
Secondary	8,239	8,302	63
TOTAL	20,748	20,687	(61)

4. Age Weighted Pupil Unit - (AWPU)

In accordance with the School Funding (Wales) Regulations 2010 and the School Standards and Framework Act 1998; at least 70% of the delegated schools budget must be allocated via pupil numbers. This allocation should be weighted by age to account for the different levels of funding required throughout the different year groups. The Vale of Glamorgan Council has allocated 72.40% of the schools' budget via the AWPU.

For each full time pupil, a school will receive an Age Weighted pupil unit (AWPU) allocation as shown in the tables below.

Primary Age Weighted Pupil Unit (AWPU)

	Nursery	Reception	Year 1-2	Year 3-6
Pupil Allocation	£3,116,12	£3,207.16	£2,792.43	£2,551.46

The full breakdown of the Primary AWPU is shown at **Appendix A**.

Secondary Age Weighted Pupil Unit (AWPU)

	Year 7-9	Year 10	Year 11
Pupil Allocation	£3,449.63	£4,531.70	£4,673.40

*note – sixth form pupils are funded by the Welsh Government post 16 grant and are not accounted for in this formula.

A full breakdown of the secondary AWPU calculation is shown at Appendix B.

5. Floor Area Allocations

To account for school costs that are driven by the size of the school building and its grounds; the following allocations are included in the formula.

Basis	Allocation	Covering
Internal Floor area	£18.43 per m2	Repairs, maintenance,
	This amount was originally	security, cleaning, refuse
	calculated by looking at	recycling, utilities.
	the actual spend of all	Roughly 50% of these
	schools and dividing by	costs are funded through
	the entire floor area.	the AWPU and the
		remaining 50% are funded
		through this floor area
		based allocation.
External grounds area	£0.42 per m2	Grounds Maintenance

Note - schools receive an additional £800 each to fund food recycling costs

6. ALN Funding

ALN Mainstream Funding has been divided into four areas

- i. Delegated ALN funding for resource units and outreach
- ii. Primary Additional Needs Fund (ANF)
- iii. Primary Mainstream ALN funding
- iv. Secondary Mainstream ALN funding

i. Delegated ALN Funding for resource units and outreach provision

The following funding has been delegated to mainstream schools to manage ALN provision on behalf of the Local Authority.

	Placements	Funding
Jenner Park - Cognition and learning difficulties	22	£302,411
Jenner Park - ALN outreach		£80,705
High Street - Wellbeing/trauma (behavioural emotional	8	£150,883
and social difficulties)		
St Cyres - Physical and complex medical difficulties	7	£160,131
Whitmore - Autism base	20	£378,274
TOTAL Delegated		£1,072,404

Note – Gladstone resource units for wellbeing and trauma, the St Illtyd's autism resource base and the Early Intervention Base (EIB) at St Joseph's primary school are now all delegated to Ysgol Y Deri to manage under the Special School Formula.

ii. The Primary Additional Needs Fund (ANF) - £1.473M

A budget allocated to schools to support pupils with a higher level of additional learning needs in the primary sector. The ANF funding allocated per school is pooled into one budget which is then reallocated to schools via the Additional Needs Fund Panel.

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The total ANF primary budget is £1.473M. The pooling of this budget helps schools to mitigate individual financial risk from high levels of ALN support. The ANF Funding is allocated to schools through the AWPU – as identified in appendix A.

iii. <u>Funding to support mainstream additional learning needs (ALN) in the</u> primary sector £1.546M

An amount allocated to primary schools to support pupils with Additional learning needs in mainstream education.

This funding is allocated as shown in the following table.

	School Action Plus	AWPU
Primary	£1,485.66 per pupil with an	£23.95 per primary pupil. (20%
mainstream	IDP, statement, or identified	of total primary allocation)
ALN	as school action plus. (80% of	
	total primary allocation)	
	Note – 841 pupils identified in	
	Jan 2022	
	£1,249,440	£296,617

iv. <u>Funding to support Additional Learning Needs (ALN) in the secondary sector</u> £2.129M

A budget allocated to secondary schools to support all pupils with ALN accessing mainstream education.

The total budget available is divided by the number of pupils with IDPs, statements or identified as SAP.

Budget Available	£2,128,671
Pupils with IDP, statement or SAP	568
Funding per pupil	£3,747.66

7. Lump Sum Allocations

To account for costs regardless of school capacity and size, the following lump sum allocations are included in the formula.

Allocation	Amount	asis of Calculation		
Head teacher	Various	Midpoint of the Head teacher's salary		
		range.		
		Notes - Ysgol Bro Morgannwg receives		
		two allocations as the authority's only		
		combined age 3-19 school.		
		- Pencoedtre and Whitmore High schools		
		receive an additional HT allocation to		
		fund the Executive Head teacher over the		
		two schools for a period of five years to		
		ensure success of the Co-Ed transition.		
Administration	Based on school capacity	Based on a grade 6 member of staff at		
	Primary	1.5FTE for primary <421, 2 FTE for		
	Less than 421 £ 45,731	primary >421 and 5 FTE for Secondary		
	421 or more £ 60,974	schools. (secondary allocation includes		
		an exam officer)		
	Secondary £152,435	Note - Additional per pupil allocation		
		included in the AWPU for admin of		
		£13.38 per pupil.		
Caretaking	Based on school capacity	Based on a grade 6 member of staff and		
		1 FTE for schools up to 421 capacity, 1.5		
	less than 421 - £ 30,487	FTE for schools up to 701 capacity, and		
	less than 701 - £ 45,731	1.75 FTE for schools with a capacity		
	701 or more £ 53,352	above 701		
SLA's	£15,466 per primary school	A lump sum to fund central recharges and		
	£27,826 per secondary school	I SLAs for payroll (Employee services),		
		HR, Creditors, Schools finance support,		
		Licence fees, ICT (basic support),		

		Secondary Governor support GDPR and		
		E-Teach.		
Rates/Rent/	Various	Actual projected charges for rates, rent		
Insurance		and foundation school premises		
		insurance.		
Listed	From £7,500 to £15,000	Based on the estimated additional		
buildings		maintenance and repairs cost of the listed		
		school buildings.		
Waste water	From £1,000 to £4,500	An allocation for the five schools required		
treatment		to pay for waste water treatment systems		
Translation	Primary - £4,080 lump sum	Lump sum in addition to a per pupil		
(Welsh		allocation of £10.18 per pupil in Welsh		
medium)	Age 3-19 School - £40,800	medium schools.		
Food Waste	£800 per school	Schools will be responsible from April		
Recycling		2019 for the collection of food waste		
		previously managed by Vale Catering		
		Services.		
Split Site	£144,602 per school	Based on a non-teaching deputy head,		
Allowance		and an allocation for additional admin an		
		caretaking required for two sites.		
Smaller	Pupil numbers less than	Protection for Primary schools under the		
schools'		optimum size of 210 pupils (excluding		
allowance	141 pupils £53,198.90	nursery).		
	211 pupils £26,599.45	Based on the average teacher salary.		
		One FTE for schools less than 141 and		
		0.5 FTE for schools less than 210.		
Amalgamation	Various depending on the	To phase the formula funding reduction to		
and	reduced budget, phased in	schools as a result of amalgamation or		
Transitional	over three years.	transition over a three-year period.		
Funding				

8. Catering and Breakfast club allocations

Catering and breakfast club funding is not within the age weighted pupil units (AWPU) as not all pupils will attract funding.

The following table shows how catering and breakfast club funding has been allocated to schools.

Note – the latest Plasc census would usually be used to determine the level of pupils eligible for free school meals, however due to the delay in plasc information as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, the eligibility for FSM has been provided by the Housing Benefit section.

Allocation	Amount	Basis of calculation
Secondary Free School	£503.50 per pupil eligible for	£2.65 meal price * 190
Meals	free school meals	trading days.
Primary Free School Meals	£465.50 per pupil eligible for	£2.45 meal price * 190
	free school meals	trading days.
Breakfast Club	£61.54 per pupil (only	Budget of £668,095 has
	allocated to schools running	been allocated via pupils in
	free breakfast clubs)	primary schools that are
		running the free breakfast
		club provision.

Schools opting into the Big Fresh Catering Company will be charged the full amount delegated for free school meals at the beginning of the financial year.

Funds delegated for free breakfast clubs are pooled into a central fund. The Big Fresh catering company is responsible for monitoring the breakfast club provision in schools.

Appendix A

Breakdown of Primary AWPU Allocation

	Nursery	Recep	Year 1-2	Year 3-6	Notes
Teachers	£1,771.52	£1,771.52	£1,771.52	£1,771.52	Teaching ratios of 1:30 and
					the average primary
					teaching salary.
Foundation	£655.70	£655.70	£240.97		1:8 in nursery and
Phase					reception and 1:15 in year
LSA's					1 to 2. Only 35% is
					accounted for as around
					65% of this cost is met
					through the RCSIG grant
Primary PPA	£141.72	£141.72	£141.72	£141.72	Working towards 10%
Technicians	£76.64	£76.64	£76.64	£76.64	1 technician to every 360 pupils
Admin	£13.38	£13.38	£13.38	£13.38	8% of the admin budget
					(92% allocated via lump
					sum allocations)
Midday		£91.04	£91.04	£91.04	1 midday supervisor to
Supervisors					every 45 pupils.
Supply/	£79.71	£79.71	£79.71	£79.71	
Maternity					
DBS	£1.27	£1.27	£1.27	£1.27	
Checks	0400.00	0400.00	0400.00	0400.00	
Resources	£103.00	£103.00	£103.00	£103.00	D
Premises	£130.31	£130.31	£130.31	£130.31	Repairs, Maintenance,
					Security, Utilities, Cleaning,
					Refuse, Recycling. This
					allocation accounts for
					roughly 50% of the total
	0440.00				premises budget.
ANF Fund	£118.92	£118.92	£118.92	£118.92	
Mainstream	£23.95	£23.95	£23.95	£23.95	20% of mainstream ALN
ALN					budget (remainder
					allocated by IDP/SAP)
TOTAL	£3,116.12	£3,207.16	£2,792.43	£2,551.46	

Appendix B

Breakdown of Secondary AWPU Allocation

	Year 7-9	Year 10	Year 11	Notes
Teachers	£2,826.56	£3,770.63	£3,770.63	Teaching ratios of 1:20 in years
				7-9 and 1:15 in years 10 and 11.
				Using average secondary
				teaching salary.
Technicians	£204.36	£204.36	£204.36	1 technician to every 120 pupils.
Administration	£13.38	£13.38	£13.38	8% of the entire Admin budget.
				(92% allocated via lump sums)
Midday	£91.04	£91.04	£91.04	1 midday supervisor to every 45
Supervisors				pupils.
Supply/	£79.71	£79.71	£79.71	
Maternity				
DBS Checks	£1.27	£1.27	£1.27	
Resources	£103.00	£103.00	£103.00	
Exam Fees		£138.00	£279.70	
Premises	£130.31	£130.31	£130.31	Premises costs including
				Repairs, Maintenance, Security,
				Utilities, Cleaning, Refuse,
				Recycling. The premises AWPU
				allocation accounts for 50% of
				the total budget. The remaining
				50% is allocated via floor area.
TOTAL	£3,449.63	£4,531.70	£4,673.40	

Appendix C

Mainstream Schools Formula Summary

Allocation	Method	Budget £'000	%
Teachers (incl PPA)	AWPU	£50,202	54.79%
Head teacher	Lump sum based on HT range	£5,623	6.14%
LSA (Found. Phase)	AWPU	£2,507	2.74%
Technicians	AWPU	£2,646	2.89%
Admin	Lump sum based on Capacity and AWPU	£3,752	4.10%
Caretaker	Lump sum based on Capacity	£1,982	2.16%
Midday Supervisors	AWPU	£1,786	1.95%
DBS checks	AWPU	£26	0.03%
Sickness/Maternity	AWPU	£1,649	1.80%
TOTAL STAFFING		£70,174	76.5%
SEN (usually spent on	Resource base lump sums, school	£6,252	6.82%
staffing)	allocations based on IDPs/SAP/Statement		
Premises and Grounds	AWPU and floor area	£7,682	8.38%
Resources	AWPU	£2,797	3.05%
School Meals	FSM entitlement	£1,885	2.06%
Allowances	Smaller schools, Split site, translation,	£1,264	1.38%
	amalgamation and transition		
Central Support	Lump Sums	£934	0.98%
Breakfast Club	Pupil funding	£668	0.73%
TOTAL		£91,656	100%

Note – The above table excludes the post 16 grant of $\pounds 6.799M$