

Budget Forum - 24th September 2025

Grants updates for 2025/26 Financial year

General

Due to the grant changes from 2024/25, there is no longer a link on the Central South Consortium website, schools continue to be notified quarterly by finance of the project money received.

School Standards - £8,399,413 (Inc matchfunding,schools and Regional PL body)

Schools allocations have been set by WG using a national formula, these have already been allocated to schools for the new year budgets.

Funding stream within School Standards	Allocation	Where
Schools	£7,464,573	Schools
Early Education	£394,973	Schools
Standards in Education	£224,053	Regional PL body
LA Match funding	£315,814	Central

Equity - £6,010,823 (this includes schools and centrally retained funding)

PDG is based on PLASC 24, which also includes an element called PDG Smoothing this is to help reduce the impact for schools where there has been a decrease in PDG allocations between the current and previous year. All schools have received a lump sum of £2,186 of funding, with the balance of the grant being given to the schools where their PDG allocations is less than 24/25.

Funding stream within Equity	Allocation	Where
Elective Home Education	£67,696	Central
Family Engagement Officers	£415,798	Schools/Central
Community Focused Schools Manager	£31,500	Schools/Central
Community Focused Schools PL	£49,526	Schools
Education Welfare Officers	£109,053	Central
Enrichment Opportunities	£91,427	Central for Schools
MEGRT	£351,609	Central
PDG	£4,000,850	Schools
PDG Smoothing	£594,691	Schools
PDG CLA	£271,400	Schools/Central
PDG Advisors	£27,273	Central

Reform - £3,136,604 (includes schools, centrally retained and regional PL body)

Allocations for schools have been provided by WG and these have been given to schools, with exception of Curriculum schools, this is for the LA to determine the allocations. Allocations are based on PLASC 24.

Funding stream within Reform	Allocation	Where
ALN Implementation Schools	£478,808	Schools
ALN Implementation LA's	£112,000	Central
ALN Provision	£833,099	Central
Wellbeing Counselling	£166,895	Central
Wellbeing PRU/EOTAS	£6,746	EOTAS
Wellbeing interventions	£52,956	Central
Curriculum schools	£261,698	Schools
Reform Programmes - Curriculum support	£261,012	Regional PL body
Curriculum reform programme – LA Literacy & Numeracy Capacity	£109,041	Central
Professional Learning schools	£737,334	Schools
Prof. learning and leadership - school led prof learning	£65,424	Regional PL body
Prof. learning and leadership – TA pathways	£38,636	Regional PL body
Prof. learning and leadership - future leadership	£12,955	Regional PL body

Cymraeg 2050 - £457,357 (includes schools, centrally retained and LA match funding)

Funding stream within Cymraeg 2050	Allocation	Where
Cymraeg 2050 Welsh in Education	£167,530	Central
Cymraeg 2050 Welsh Professional Learning	£61,063	Regional PL body
Cymraeg 2050 Siarter Iaith	£19,928	Central
Cymraeg 2050 Late Immersion	£111,844	Central
LA Match funding	£96,992	Central/CSC

Other grants

Post 16 Grant - £8,385.482

The post 16 grant has been delegated within the schools funding formula, with 3% retained centrally for administration.

Post 16 transition grant - £42,000

Five months of funding from April 2025 – August 2025 to assist pupils in the transition to their next phase of education.

Post 16 Learner Progression funding - £200,394

This has now allocated and given to schools.

Post 16 Teachers Pay Award funding - £103,604 (indicative)

Indictive allocations released by Medr, once the award letter is received, allocations and the funding will be given to schools. The letter is anticipated before the end of September. As discussed at Budget Forum before, Finance will do a comparison between the previous formula allocation distribution and actual costs to budgets before deciding the best methodology for the grant allocations.

Interim PL Welsh Professional Learning - £10,904

This funding is for 5/12^{ths} of the year which is allocated to CSC for April to August, from September the new Regional PL Body will be in place.

Interim PL – Professional Learning for Developing practice and reflection - £17,045

This funding is for 5/12^{ths} of the year which is allocated to CSC for April to August, from September the new Regional PL Body will be in place.

Interim PL – A Level and Welsh BACC PL - £19,039

This funding is for 5/12^{ths} of the year which is allocated to CSC for April to August, from September the new Regional PL Body will be in place.

Interim PL – Induction/Early Career support package - £4,734

This funding is for 5/12^{ths} of the year which is allocated to CSC for April to August, from September the new Regional PL Body will be in place.

Teachers Pay Award funding - £467,882 (indicative)

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Centrally allocated revenue grant funding for learners

In addition to the grants delegated to schools, the Local Authority has received notification of the following grants which will be centrally managed. Some of these grants below may be delegated to schools for allocation within the individual grant terms and conditions where applicable.

Grant name	Awarded
Universal free school meals (demand Led)	£4,702,438
Schools Essentials (demand Led)	£464,700
Period dignity	£120,899
Post 16 Specialist Placements (demand Led)	£50,000

