

## Wiltshire Council

### School & SEN Funding Working Group: 27<sup>th</sup> May 2021

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## Impact of Changes to Pupil Premium Calculations – f40 Survey

### Purpose of report

1. To provide members with an update on the implications of the change to the Department for Education's date for calculating Pupil Premium for schools.
2. The f40 group have collated the financial impact from its members to obtain a wider picture of the implications from moving the Pupil Premium census date from January, back to the previous October.
3. This report is presented purely to bring the latest information to members of Schools Forum rather than for consultation.

### Background

4. The Pupil Premium Grant (PPG) is designed to support pupils and learners using the following three drivers for allocating funding;
  - *Free School Meal Ever6* – pupils from a deprivation background
  - *Service Pupil Ever6* – pupils from a service family
  - *Post-Looked After Child* – pupils who have left local authority care through an adoption or guardianship order
5. Since its introduction, the PPG has always been calculated using the January census data. The January data being the most up to date census information available for the ensuing financial year.
6. The Department for Education (DfE) announced that it was moving the census date used to calculate PPG to the October census. This change was introduced in a low-key fashion but explained, when questioned, on the grounds of;
  - *Aligning the census date with mainstream school funding to October*
  - *During Covid, school pupils were not in school during January but were, in October*

### Impact

7. During the Covid pandemic, both locally and nationally there has been a significant increase in the number of pupils eligible for a free school meal (FSM). The knock-on impact of moving the PPG census date from January back to October will result in a lower number of pupils being eligible for PPG funding. In effect this will create a 'lag' or shortfall in PPG funding for schools in 2021-22.
8. Schools will still be required to support their disadvantaged PPG eligible pupils and be held to account for their progress, despite not being fully funded for those pupils.

9. The financial impact for Wiltshire is set out in the table below.

<b>Wiltshire</b>	<b>FSM Pupils October '20</b>	<b>FSM Pupils Jan '21</b>	<b>Growth</b>	<b>% Growth</b>	<b>PPG Rate</b>	<b>Funding Gap</b>
<b>Primary</b>	5,912	6,279	367	6.2%	£1,345	£493,615
<b>Secondary</b>	5,147	5,212	65	1.3%	£935	£62,075
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,059</b>	<b>11,491</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>3.9%</b>		<b>£555,690</b>

10. The f40 group canvassed all of their members to determine the impact upon a wider group of local authorities. All 42 members of the f40 group responded to the questionnaire and the impact is set out in the table below. Full details of the respondents is contained Appendix 1.

<b>F40</b>	<b>FSM Pupils October '20</b>	<b>FSM Pupils Jan '21</b>	<b>Growth</b>	<b>% Growth</b>	<b>PPG Rate</b>	<b>Funding Gap</b>
<b>Primary</b>	280,490	302,965	22,475	8.0%	£1,345	£30,228,875
<b>Secondary</b>	185,351	191,819	6,468	3.5%	£935	£6,176,940
<b>Total</b>	<b>465,841</b>	<b>494,784</b>	<b>28,943</b>	<b>6.2%</b>		<b>£36,405,815</b>

11. The f40 group have confirmed that they appreciate why the DfE wants to streamline the funding to the October census, however they believe it's not practical during the pandemic, when the demand for FSM is greater than usual.

12. F40 are asking the DfE to consider either delaying the change or compensating schools for the funding they will miss out on this year. Without help, schools will obviously have to find the money from elsewhere to support disadvantaged pupils, when funding is already tight, so other aspects of their budgets will suffer.

### Further Survey Work

13. In addition to the campaigning work of the f40 group, the Society of County Treasurers are conducting a survey of DSG deficits across local authorities. This survey forms part of their ongoing pressure for the funding and management of DSG deficits, in light of the significant growth in demand for Education and Health Care Plans. The survey results should be available for our September meeting.

### Proposal

14. Schools Forum is asked to note the content of this report and the f40's ongoing dialogue with the DfE, along with the work of the Society of County Treasurers.

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# Appendix 1

Local Authority	Financial impact of changes to the Pupil Premium calculation								
	FSM R-Y6 - October 2020 census	FSM Y7-Y11 - October 2020 census	FSM R-Y6 - January 2021 census	FSM Y7-Y11 - January 2021 census	Increase in R-Y6	Increase in Y7-Y11	Difference in funding requirements - pupils X £1,345	Difference in funding requirements - pupils X £955	Total additional funding requirements
Bath and North East Somerset	2074	1723	2176	1744	102	21	137,190	20,055	157,245
Buckinghamshire	5468	2146	5904	2272	436	126	586,420	120,330	706,750
Cambridgeshire	9435	5002	10182	5245	747	243	1,004,715	232,065	1,236,780
Central Bedfordshire	2798	1792	3096	1846	298	54	400,810	51,570	452,380
Cheshire East	4076	2713	4304	2795	228	82	306,660	78,310	384,970
Cheshire West and Chester	4895	3367	5206	3493	311	126	418,295	120,330	538,625
Cornwall	7748	4963	8442	5183	694	220	933,430	210,100	1,143,530
Derbyshire	13811	7755	14704	8004	893	249	1,201,085	237,795	1,438,880
Devon	9712	8514	10496	8651	784	137	1,054,480	130,835	1,185,315
Dorset	4212	3597	4509	3666	297	69	399,465	65,895	465,360
East Riding of Yorkshire	4200	2994	4463	3071	263	77	353,735	73,535	427,270
East Sussex	7953	4606	8509	4767	556	161	747,820	153,755	901,575
Gloucestershire	7461	4684	8333	4833	872	149	1,172,840	142,295	1,315,135
Hampshire	16275	9924	17555	10308	1280	384	1,721,600	366,720	2,088,320
Herefordshire	1997	1195	2133	1248	136	53	182,920	50,615	233,535
Kent	23509	15493	26094	16306	2585	813	3,476,825	776,415	4,253,240
Leicestershire	6626	5264	7222	5421	596	157	801,620	149,935	951,555
Lincolnshire	12450	7476	13384	7724	934	248	1,256,230	236,840	1,493,070
North Lincolnshire	3203	2281	3456	2329	253	48	340,285	45,840	386,125
North Yorkshire	5964	4047	6492	4206	528	159	710,160	151,845	862,005
Northamptonshire	9611	6549	10577	6839	966	290	1,299,270	276,950	1,576,220
Northumberland	4889	3241	5288	3340	399	99	536,655	94,545	631,200
Oxfordshire	6903	4266	7501	4437	598	171	804,310	163,305	967,615
Plymouth	5089	3149	5382	3236	293	87	394,085	83,085	477,170
Shropshire	3147	2120	3407	2243	260	123	349,700	117,465	467,165
Solihull	3646	4085	3972	4316	326	231	438,470	220,605	659,075
Somerset	7469	4395	8055	4523	586	128	788,170	122,240	910,410
South Gloucestershire	2755	1875	3012	1866	257	-9	345,665	-8,595	337,070
Staffordshire	10483	7063	11324	7232	841	169	1,131,145	161,395	1,292,540
Stockport	4052	2639	4416	2742	364	103	489,580	98,365	587,945
Suffolk	10619	6728	11198	6983	579	255	778,755	243,525	1,022,280
Swindon	3825	2223	4082	2303	257	80	345,665	76,400	422,065
Torbay	2797	1630	2980	1707	183	77	246,135	73,535	319,670
Trafford	3487	1872	3819	2010	332	138	446,540	131,790	578,330
Wakefield	7320	5604	7820	5740	500	136	672,500	129,880	802,380
Warrington	3607	1967	3799	1993	192	26	258,240	24,830	283,070
Warwickshire	7873	5258	8544	5431	671	173	902,495	165,215	1,067,710
West Sussex	7624	5098	8409	5356	785	258	1,055,825	246,390	1,302,215
Wigan	6420	3961	6776	4074	356	113	478,820	107,915	586,735
Wiltshire	5912	5147	6279	5212	367	65	493,615	62,075	555,690
Worcestershire	7323	5692	7758	5819	435	127	585,075	121,285	706,360
City of York	1772	1253	1907	1305	135	52	181,575	49,660	231,235
<b>Total f40 respondents</b>	<b>280,490</b>	<b>185,351</b>	<b>302,965</b>	<b>191,819</b>	<b>22,475</b>	<b>6,468</b>	<b>30,228,875</b>	<b>6,176,940</b>	<b>36,405,815</b>