

Education Children and Families Committee

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Update on Positive Action Funding in Primary Schools

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Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to update the Education, Children and Families Committee regarding the allocation of positive action funding across the City of Edinburgh Council Primary Schools. The changes were agreed at Committee on the 1 March 2016 to ensure the most effective targeting of funding to those children most in need.

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Recommendations

Members of the Education, Children and Families Committee are asked to:

- 1.1 request a further report detailing the impact of the funding for the 20 positive action schools;
- 1.2 agree that further work is undertaken to ensure that positive action funding is allocated to those pupils most in need;
- 1.3 note the content of this report.

Background

- 2.1 Previously the method for allocating positive action funding to Primary Schools was based on:
 - 2.1.1 20% on attainment for the number of pupils at P1 where the three year average literacy score was under 85;
 - 2.1.2 80% based on the three year average Free Meal Entitlement as at February for any school where the three year average was greater than 40%.
- 2.2 At its meeting on the 1 March 2016 the Education Children and Families Committee agreed a change to the way in which positive action funding would be allocated across the City of Edinburgh Primary Schools.
- 2.3 For a three year period between 2016-17 and 2018-19 positive action in the primary sector would be allocated to those schools with children living in Deciles 1 and 2 of the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation with a weighting of 2:1 to those pupils living in decile 1 and a 40% threshold being used.
- 2.4 Using deciles 1 and 2 was consistent with the approach taken by the Scottish Government in the allocation of funding as part of the Scottish Attainment Challenge. This allowed the targeting of resources for pupils with the greatest need in areas of multiple deprivation.
- 2.5 To let schools have time to deal with the change any significant reductions were tapered over the period giving certainty to schools to consider initiatives over a longer period than one year.

Main report

- 3.1 Currently positive action funding is allocated to 20 primary schools, the allocations for each school is shown in Appendix 1.
- 3.2 In addition eight of these schools (Sighthill, St Catherine's RC, Clovenstone, St Francis' RC, Craigroyston, Niddrie Mill Canal View and Castlevieview) also secured funding from the Scottish Government attainment fund for projects to improve literacy, numeracy, and health and wellbeing. Initially the funding was for a period of four years 2015/16 to 2018/19 however this source of funding will be concluded after two years.
- 3.3 Most recently it was confirmed by the Scottish Government that through the Pupil Equity Funding 86 primary schools will benefit from additional funding for a five year period 2017/18 to 2021/22, the allocations for each school is shown in Appendix 2.
- 3.4 Pupil Equity Funding is allocated directly to schools, targeted at those children most affected by the poverty related attainment gap. In the primary sector it will be distributed on the basis of the numbers of pupils in P1-P7 known to be eligible and registered for free school meals.
- 3.5 Primary Head Teachers were invited to comment on the impact of the changes to the Positive Action allocation. At the time of writing seven replies had been received. The comments are detailed below:
 - There was appreciation of the need to review the allocation of positive action funding;
 - The introduction of a tapering approach which allowed schools to manage reductions over time was valued;
 - There was universal recognition of the need to target additional funding to those most adversely impacted by poverty.
- 3.6 Currently some schools are in receipt of Innovation funding – funding for projects to improve literacy, numeracy and health and wellbeing, positive action funding and pupil equity funding.

Measures of success

- 4.1 At the end of session 2016-17 to evaluate the impact of targeted support and to inform next steps all schools allocated funding will be required to complete the proforma included in Appendix 3. This report will then be evaluated through the annual Standards and Quality Improvement Planning Process by the school Quality Improvement Education Officer.

Financial impact

5.1 No change is proposed to the overall level of Positive Action Funding.

Risk, policy, compliance and governance impact

6.1 There are no risk, policy, compliance or governance issues arising directly from this report.

Equalities impact

7.1 All work within this area seeks to address the imbalance in terms of provision of resources and outcomes for children. There are no negative equality or Human rights impacts arising from this report.

Sustainability impact

8.1 There are no sustainability issues.

Consultation and engagement

9.1 This will be shared through the headteacher executive and parents will be engaged through the normal processes of locality and CCWP arrangements.

Background reading/external references

[A Plan for Scotland: The Scottish Governments Programme for Scotland 2016-17](#)

[Delivering Excellence and Equity in Scottish Education: A Delivery Plan for Scotland](#)

[National Improvement Framework for Scottish Education - achieving excellence and equity](#)

[Review of Positive Action Funding in Primary Schools 1 March 2016](#)

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Links

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| Coalition Pledges | P5 - Seek to ensure the smooth introduction of The Curriculum for Excellence and Management Structures within our schools support the new curriculum. |
| Council Priorities | CO1 - Our children have the best start in life, are able to make and sustain relationships and are ready to succeed. CO3 - Our children and young people at risk, or with a disability, have improved life chances. CO6 - Our children's' and young peoples' outcomes are not undermined by poverty and inequality |
| Single Outcome Agreement | SO3 - Edinburgh's children and young people enjoy their childhood and fulfil their potential |
| Appendices | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1 – Current Positive Action Funding2 – Pupil Equity Funding -Primary3 - Proforma for Recording Outcomes |

Appendix I

Adjusted Funding Allocations After Tapering

| Primary School | 2016/17 Position | | | | 2017/18 Position | | | | 2018/19 Position | | | | | |
|---|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| | 2015/16 Allocation | Future Allocation | Variance from current | One-Third Tapering Adjustment | Further Adjustment | 2016/17 Allocation | Variance from current | Two-Thirds Tapering Adjustment | Further Adjustment | 2017/18 Allocation | Variance from current | No Tapering Adjustment | 2018/19 Allocation | Variance from current |
| Balgreen PS | 10,759 | 0 | (10,759) | 7,173 | 0 | 7,173 | (3,586) | 3,586 | 0 | 3,586 | (7,173) | 0 | 0 | (10,759) |
| Broomhouse PS | 109,991 | 70,988 | (39,003) | 26,002 | 0 | 96,990 | (13,001) | 13,001 | 0 | 83,989 | (26,002) | 0 | 70,988 | (39,003) |
| Brunstane PS | 71,824 | 46,064 | (25,760) | 17,173 | 0 | 63,237 | (8,587) | 8,587 | 0 | 54,650 | (17,173) | 0 | 46,064 | (25,760) |
| Canal View PS | 295,335 | 178,891 | (116,444) | 77,629 | 0 | 266,520 | (38,815) | 38,815 | 0 | 217,706 | (77,829) | 0 | 178,891 | (116,444) |
| Castleview PS | 227,211 | 153,651 | (73,560) | 49,040 | 0 | 202,691 | (24,520) | 24,520 | 0 | 178,171 | (49,040) | 0 | 153,651 | (73,560) |
| Craigentiny PS | 53,604 | 49,850 | (3,754) | 0 | 0 | 49,850 | (3,754) | 0 | 0 | 49,850 | (3,754) | 0 | 49,850 | (3,754) |
| Craigour Paik PS | 17,087 | 0 | (17,087) | 11,391 | 0 | 11,391 | (5,696) | 5,696 | 0 | 5,696 | (11,391) | 0 | 0 | (17,087) |
| Craigroyston PS | 154,980 | 88,972 | (66,008) | 44,005 | 0 | 132,977 | (22,003) | 22,003 | 0 | 110,975 | (44,005) | 0 | 88,972 | (66,008) |
| Forthview PS | 165,480 | 149,865 | (15,615) | 10,410 | 0 | 160,275 | (5,205) | 5,205 | 0 | 165,070 | (10,410) | 0 | 149,865 | (15,615) |
| Gilmerton PS | 12,341 | 0 | (12,341) | 8,227 | 0 | 8,227 | (4,114) | 4,114 | 0 | 4,114 | (8,227) | 0 | 0 | (12,341) |
| Leith PS | 31,500 | 0 | (31,500) | 21,000 | 0 | 21,000 | (10,500) | 10,500 | 0 | 10,500 | (21,000) | 0 | 0 | (31,500) |
| Niddrie Mill PS | 215,733 | 134,405 | (81,328) | 54,219 | 0 | 188,624 | (27,109) | 27,109 | 0 | 161,514 | (54,219) | 0 | 134,405 | (81,328) |
| Pirniehall PS | 141,540 | 84,555 | (56,985) | 37,990 | 0 | 122,645 | (18,895) | 18,895 | 0 | 103,550 | (37,990) | 0 | 84,555 | (56,985) |
| Royal Mile PS | 26,502 | 0 | (26,502) | 17,668 | 0 | 17,668 | (8,834) | 8,834 | 0 | 8,834 | (17,668) | 0 | 0 | (26,502) |
| Total tapering adjustment required | | | | 381,928 | | | | 190,964 | | | | 0 | | |
| Clovenstone PS | 59,329 | 93,074 | 33,745 | (22,496) | (695) | 69,883 | 10,854 | (11,248) | (347) | 81,478 | 22,148 | 0 | 93,074 | 33,745 |
| Ferryhill PS | 7,594 | 49,534 | 41,940 | (27,960) | (863) | 20,711 | 13,117 | (13,980) | (432) | 35,122 | 27,528 | 0 | 49,534 | 41,940 |
| Gracemount PS | 18,771 | 127,148 | 110,377 | (73,585) | (2,272) | 51,291 | 34,520 | (36,792) | (1,136) | 89,220 | 72,449 | 0 | 127,148 | 110,377 |
| Granton PS | 107,874 | 147,025 | 39,151 | (26,101) | (806) | 120,118 | 12,244 | (13,050) | (403) | 133,572 | 26,698 | 0 | 147,025 | 39,151 |
| Sighthill PS | 66,389 | 85,502 | 19,113 | (12,742) | (393) | 72,366 | 5,977 | (6,371) | (197) | 78,934 | 12,545 | 0 | 85,502 | 19,113 |
| St Catherine's RC PS | 46,735 | 80,769 | 34,034 | (22,689) | (701) | 57,379 | 10,844 | (11,345) | (350) | 69,074 | 22,339 | 0 | 80,769 | 34,034 |
| St David's RC PS | 5,696 | 97,175 | 91,479 | (60,986) | (1,883) | 34,306 | 28,610 | (30,493) | (942) | 65,741 | 60,045 | 0 | 97,175 | 91,479 |
| St Francis' RC PS | 84,515 | 107,271 | 22,756 | (15,171) | (468) | 91,632 | 7,117 | (7,585) | (234) | 99,452 | 14,937 | 0 | 107,271 | 22,756 |
| St Joseph's RC PS | 3,164 | 85,817 | 82,653 | (55,102) | (1,701) | 29,014 | 25,850 | (27,551) | (651) | 57,415 | 54,251 | 0 | 85,817 | 82,653 |
| St Ninian's RC PS | 6,845 | 59,946 | 53,101 | (35,534) | (1,097) | 23,315 | 18,670 | (17,767) | (549) | 41,630 | 34,885 | 0 | 59,946 | 53,101 |
| Stenhouse PS | 31,500 | 58,684 | 27,184 | (18,123) | (560) | 40,002 | 6,502 | (9,081) | (280) | 49,343 | 17,843 | 0 | 58,684 | 27,184 |
| Totals | | 1,949,185 | | 11,439 | (11,439) | 1,949,185 | | 5,720 | (5,720) | 1,949,185 | | 0 | 1,949,185 | |

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| 1 | Appendix 2 | | | | | |
| 2 | | | | | | |
| 3 | School | Equity | | | | |
| 4 | Abbeyhill Primary School | £ 38,400 | | | | |
| 5 | Balgreen Primary School | £ 121,200 | | | | |
| 6 | Blackhall Primary School | £ 12,000 | | | | |
| 7 | Bonaly Primary School | £ 7,200 | | | | |
| 8 | Broomhouse Primary School | £ 127,200 | | | | |
| 9 | Broughton Primary School | £ 64,800 | | | | |
| 10 | Brunstane Primary School | £ 110,400 | | | | |
| 11 | Bruntsfield Primary School | £ 39,600 | | | | |
| 12 | Buckstone Primary School | * | | | | |
| 13 | Bun-sgoil Taobh na Pairce (Parkside F | £ 30,000 | | | | |
| 14 | Canal View Primary School | £ 223,200 | | | | |
| 15 | Carrick Knowe Primary School | £ 79,200 | | | | |
| 16 | Castleview Primary School | £ 196,800 | | | | |
| 17 | Clermiston Primary School | £ 66,000 | | | | |
| 18 | Clovenstone Primary School | £ 94,800 | | | | |
| 19 | Colinton Primary School | * | | | | |
| 20 | Corstorphine Primary School | £ 26,400 | | | | |
| 21 | Craigentenny Primary School | £ 112,800 | | | | |
| 22 | Craiglockhart Primary School | £ 27,600 | | | | |
| 23 | Craigour Park Primary | £ 166,800 | | | | |
| 24 | Craigroyston Primary School | £ 132,000 | | | | |
| 25 | Cramond Primary School | £ 21,600 | | | | |
| 26 | Currie Primary School | £ 34,800 | | | | |
| 27 | Dalmeny Primary School | £ 8,400 | | | | |
| 28 | Dalry Primary School | £ 86,400 | | | | |
| 29 | Davidson's Mains Primary School | £ 33,600 | | | | |
| 30 | Dean Park Primary School | £ 10,800 | | | | |
| 31 | Duddingston Primary School | £ 49,200 | | | | |
| 32 | East Craigs Primary School | £ 68,400 | | | | |
| 33 | Echline Primary School | £ 16,800 | | | | |
| 34 | Ferryhill Primary School | £ 105,600 | | | | |
| 35 | Flora Stevenson Primary | £ 60,000 | | | | |
| 36 | Forthview Primary | £ 176,400 | | | | |
| 37 | Fox Covert Primary School | £ 26,400 | | | | |
| 38 | Fox Covert RC Primary School | £ 19,200 | | | | |
| 39 | Gilmerton Primary School | £ 136,800 | | | | |
| 40 | Gracemount Primary School | £ 190,800 | | | | |
| 41 | Granton Primary School | £ 182,400 | | | | |
| 42 | Gylemuir Primary School | £ 57,600 | | | | |
| 43 | Hermitage Park Primary School | £ 86,400 | | | | |
| 44 | Hillwood Primary School | £ 20,400 | | | | |
| 45 | Holy Cross RC Primary School | £ 49,200 | | | | |
| 46 | James Gillespie's Primary School | £ 18,000 | | | | |
| 47 | Juniper Green Primary School | £ 31,200 | | | | |
| 48 | Kirkliston Primary School | £ 62,400 | | | | |
| 49 | Leith Primary School | £ 138,000 | | | | |

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| 50 | Leith Walk Primary School | £ 64,800 | | | | |
| 51 | Liberton Primary School | £ 76,800 | | | | |
| 52 | Longstone Primary School | £ 37,200 | | | | |
| 53 | Lorne Primary School | £ 58,800 | | | | |
| 54 | Murrayburn Primary School | £ 117,600 | | | | |
| 55 | Nether Currie Primary School | £ 9,600 | | | | |
| 56 | Newcraighall Primary School | £ 33,600 | | | | |
| 57 | Niddrie Mill Primary School | £ 177,600 | | | | |
| 58 | Oxgangs Primary School | £ 57,600 | | | | |
| 59 | Parsons Green Primary School | £ 42,000 | | | | |
| 60 | Pentland Primary School | £ 42,000 | | | | |
| 61 | Pirniehall Primary School | £ 127,200 | | | | |
| 62 | Preston Street Primary School | £ 51,600 | | | | |
| 63 | Prestonfield Primary School | £ 45,600 | | | | |
| 64 | Queensferry Primary School | £ 28,800 | | | | |
| 65 | Ratho Primary School | £ 15,600 | | | | |
| 66 | Roseburn Primary School | £ 15,600 | | | | |
| 67 | Royal Mile Primary School | £ 51,600 | | | | |
| 68 | Sciennes Primary School | £ 61,200 | | | | |
| 69 | Sighthill Primary School | £ 84,000 | | | | |
| 70 | South Morningside Primary School | £ 12,000 | | | | |
| 71 | St Catherine's RC Primary School | £ 70,800 | | | | |
| 72 | St Cuthbert's RC Primary School | £ 46,800 | | | | |
| 73 | St David's RC Primary School | £ 78,000 | | | | |
| 74 | St Francis' RC Primary School | £ 97,200 | | | | |
| 75 | St John Vianney RC Primary School | £ 74,400 | | | | |
| 76 | St John's RC Primary School | £ 55,200 | | | | |
| 77 | St Joseph's RC Primary School | £ 68,400 | | | | |
| 78 | St Margaret's SQ Primary School | £ 15,600 | | | | |
| 79 | St Mark's RC Primary School | £ 45,600 | | | | |
| 80 | St Mary's RC Primary School (Edinbur | £ 39,600 | | | | |
| 81 | St Mary's RC Primary School (Leith) | £ 64,800 | | | | |
| 82 | St Ninian's RC Primary School | £ 112,800 | | | | |
| 83 | St Peter's RC Primary School | £ 13,200 | | | | |
| 84 | Stenhouse Primary School | £ 110,400 | | | | |
| 85 | Stockbridge Primary School | £ 15,600 | | | | |
| 86 | The Royal High Primary School | £ 51,600 | | | | |
| 87 | Tollcross Primary School | £ 52,800 | | | | |
| 88 | Towerbank Primary School | £ 75,600 | | | | |
| 89 | Trinity Primary School | £ 70,800 | | | | |
| 90 | Victoria Primary School | £ 94,800 | | | | |
| 91 | Wardie Primary School | £ 34,800 | | | | |
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| 93 | | | | | | |
| 94 | * Results have been redacted contact local authority | | | | | |

Appendix3

Proforma Record: Positive Action funding

School:

Allocation of Funding:

Proposal/Plan: The key strategies and interventions to be implemented, including the evidence base and/or rationale. Link to Quality Indicators.

Outcomes, impact and measurement: The desired outcomes for pupils and how progress towards these will be measured over time. Include data. Link to Quality Indicators.

Communication: How the school will engage parents, pupils, staff and the community.

Sustainability: How you will build on this for the following year

Headteacher: Date:

Quality Improvement Officer: Date: