

Pupil Referral Unit Funding Changes: a briefing April 2013

From 1 April 2013, the management committees of PRUs will have delegated budgets. The Reintegration Service and the Alternative Curriculum will function as 2 schools, but with one joint management committee acting as a Governing Body. Home Education will remain within The Reintegration Service but will be separately funded so while there will be changes to its structure and procedures (see separate information to follow), schools will see no changes to the current Home Education funding arrangements.

The way PRUs receive their funding will be changing from April 2013, in line with the Government's school funding reforms for High Needs pupils. The PRUs will receive base funding of £8,000 per place, with the number of places being agreed by the DFE. This will then be subject to a top up funding from the commissioning LA or school for each pupil admitted to the PRU.

n.b. The top up rates and payment process as set out in this briefing will be in place for 2013/14 only. It will be monitored throughout the year and amendments will be proposed for 2014/15. The PRUs and the LA, in close consultation with the schools, will work on a re-structuring of the service in order to ensure value for money and effective provision. This year, secondary schools will not have to pay a £3500 lump sum to The Reintegration Service for managing the fixed term exclusions, but will pay the daily top up rate for their actual admissions.

The top up funding is calculated on the needs of each individual pupil, and the PRUs have identified 4 bands of student based on the staffing ratio required (see below). The banding needs to be agreed by the PRU Headteacher and the commissioner prior to the pupil taking up a place. Top up funding is payable for the actual number of days the pupil is allocated the place.

Pupil Referral Units				
New Banding	Staffing Ratio Funding is Based On	Total Funding Rate £	Top Up £ Annual	Top Up £ Daily Rate
Band 1	Teacher 1:6, TA 1:6	22,191	14,191	74.69
Band 2	as band 1 + 25% 1:1	26,278	18,278	96.20
Band 3	as band 1 + 50% 1:1	30,364	22,364	117.71
Band 4	as band 1 + 100% 1:1	38,536	30,536	160.72

The funding for pupils attending **The Reintegration Service** is as follows:

Pupil Profile	Base funding from DfE via LA	Commissioner	Cost to commissioner	Funding Transferred	Payment method	Proposed Change for 2014/15
1. Primary permanent exclusion	£8k	LA	Top up according to banding	AWPU repaid by school to LA (pro rata)	LA pays RS 6 weekly/half termly in arrears	
2. Primary permanent exclusion with SEN statement	£8k	LA	Top up according to banding	AWPU & SEN top up repaid by school to LA (pro rata)	LA pays RS 6 weekly/half termly in arrears	
3. Primary fixed term exclusion	£8k	school	Reduced costs this year only. School to pay 50% of top up at daily rate. LA to pay 50% of top up at daily rate	School keeps AWPU	RS invoices school / LA pays at end of fixed period (or 6 weekly/half termly if a longer placement)	School to pay 75% of top up at daily rate. LA to pay 25% of top up at daily rate.
4. Primary fixed term exclusion with SEN statement	£8k	school	Reduced costs this year only. School to pay 50% of top up according to banding at daily rate. LA to pay 50% of top up at daily rate	School keeps AWPU & SEN top up	RS invoices school / LA pays at end of fixed period (or 6 weekly/half termly if a longer placement)	School to pay 75% of top up at daily rate. LA to pay 25% of top up at daily rate.
5. Primary short courses and part-time and full time in-reach placements	£8k	school	Reduced costs this year only. School to pay 50% of top up according to banding at daily rate. LA to pay 50% of top up at daily rate	School keeps AWPU (& SEN top up if relevant)	RS invoices school / LA pays at end of fixed period (or 6 weekly/half termly if a longer placement)	School to pay 75% of top up at daily rate. LA to pay 25% of top up at daily rate.

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6. Primary pupils currently in Reintegration Service at 1/4/13	£8k	school	No extra costs to school. LA to fund 100% of top up	School keeps AWPU unless on single role at RS	LA pays RS 6 weekly/half termly	No longer applicable
7. Secondary permanent exclusion	£8k	LA	Top up according to banding. School repays AWPU to LA.	AWPU repaid by school to LA	LA pays RS 6 weekly/half termly	
8. Secondary permanent exclusion with SEN statement	£8k	LA	Top up according to banding if LA is the commissioner. School repays AWPU to LA. School repays SEN top up to LA.	AWPU and any SEN top up repaid by school to LA	LA pays RS 6 weekly/half termly	
9. Secondary fixed term exclusion	£8k	school	Top up according to banding	School keeps AWPU	RS invoices school at end of fixed period (or 6 weekly/half termly if a longer placement)	
10. Secondary fixed term exclusion with SEN statement	£8k	school	Top up according to banding	School keeps AWPU & SEN top up	RS invoices school at end of fixed period (or 6 weekly/half termly if a longer placement)	
11. Secondary at risk of exclusion, full or part time place	£8k	school	Top up according to banding at daily rate.	School keeps AWPU (& SEN top up if relevant)	RS invoices school at end of fixed period (or 6 weekly/half termly if a longer placement)	

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12. LAC pupils & UAS cared for by West Berkshire	£8k	LA	Top up according to banding	Payment made from LAC budget	LA/Virtual Headteacher pays RS 6 weekly/half termly	
13. Pupils placed by PPP on a temporary basis until integrated into a new school	£8k	LA	Top up according to banding	AWPU and any SEN top up repaid by school to LA, who then transfers the relevant portion of this funding to the new school	LA pays RS 6 weekly/half termly in arrears	
14. Pupils from out of area without a school, or coming from an Out-County PRU	£8k	LA	Top up according to banding	N/A	RS invoices relevant commissioner at the end of a fixed period or 6 weekly/half termly	

The funding for pupils attending the KS4 **Alternative Curriculum** is as follows:

Pupil Profile	Base funding from DfE via LA	Commissioner	Cost to commissioner	Funding Transferred	Payment	Proposed Change for 2014/15
1. Permanently excluded - admission via PPP	£8k	LA	Top up according to banding	AWPU & any SEN top up repaid by school to LA.	In April for summer term. In September & January with adjustments	
2. Requested change of placement – admission via PPP	£8k	school	School to pay a reduced rate, for this year only, of £3k per year (£1k per term from September 2013). LA to fund remaining top up costs according to banding.	AWPU & any SEN top up repaid by school to LA.	PRU to invoice school termly. LA pays top up termly	School to pay a reduced rate, for this year only, of £4.5k per year (£1.5k per term from September 2014). LA to fund remaining top up costs according to banding.
3. Pupils from out of area without a school, or coming from an Out-County PRU	£8k	LA	Top up according to banding	N/A	PRU to invoice commissioning LA	