

## Vale of Glamorgan Council

# Mainstream Schools Funding Formula 2024/25



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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's 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 2023/24 financial years by the Budget Forum. This formula will be subject to continual review and will remain a regular 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 2024/25 budget was approved by cabinet on January 18<sup>th</sup> 2024, and full Council on March 6<sup>th</sup> 2024.

The Council has awarded growth of £4.602M to the schools' budget, of which £3.097M was allocated to the mainstream sector as summarised in the table below.

#### **Pay Awards**

For non-teaching staff, an estimated pay award of £1,200 has been included in the overall schools' budget from April 2024.

The 2023/24 budget has allowed for a 5% increase for teaching staff from September 2024.

**Total Schools Budget**

The table below shows the total movement on the overall schools' budget.

<b>Schools Budget Growth</b>	<b>Mainstream Sector</b>	<b>Special Sector</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Schools' budget 2023/24</b>	<b>£98.389M</b>	<b>£15.850M</b>	<b>£114.239M</b>
<b>Growth</b>			
Pay Inflation	£3.532M	£0.660M	£4.192M
Demographic growth		£0.896M	£1.331M
Secondary Autism resource bases & outreach	£0.165M	£0.154M	£0.319M
Use of Reserves	£0.900M		£0.900M
<b>TOTAL Growth</b>	<b>£4.597M</b>	<b>£1.710M</b>	<b>£6.307M</b>
<b>Energy Savings</b>			
Efficiency Savings for energy	-£0.015M		-£0.015M
Energy step down	-£0.805M		-£0.805M
<b>TOTAL Energy Savings</b>	<b>-£0.820M</b>		<b>-£0.820M</b>
<b>Transfers</b>			
Topslice ALN	-£0.175M		-£0.175M
Transfer to YYD for demographic growth	-£0.435M	£0.435M	£0.000M
Energy Growth	-£0.070M	£0.070M	£0.000M
<b>Net transfers</b>	<b>-£0.680M</b>	<b>£0.505M</b>	<b>-£0.175M</b>
<b>School's Formula total 2023/24</b>	<b>£101.486M</b>	<b>£18.065M</b>	<b>£119.551M</b>
Schools Budget (cabinet report)			£119.551M

**Summary of movement on the Mainstream Schools Budget**

2023/24 Mainstream Schools Budget	£98.389M
Growth for pay inflation	£3.532M
Other	£0.245M
Transfers (net)	-£0.680M
<b>2023/24 Mainstream Schools Budget</b>	<b>£101.486M</b>
<b>Movement</b>	<b>3.1%</b>

### 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 2024 PLASC)
- Plus 50% of the projection for the following year number on roll (Jan 2025)
- Less 50% of the previous year (2023) forecast for the current year (Jan 2024)

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 2024/25 mainstream formula is identified in the table below.

	Jan 2024 (NOR/Plasc)	Jan 2024 (previous yr Estimate)	Jan 2025 Estimate	Adjusted Pupil Numbers
		<i>Less 50%</i>	<i>Plus 50%</i>	
Nursery/ Primary	12,063	12,377	12,108	11,928
Secondary (Year 7–11)	8,403	8,532	8,465	8,370
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20,466</b>	<b>20,909</b>	<b>20,573</b>	<b>20,298</b>

*Note – excludes Post 16 which is funded by the Post 16 grant*

The table below shows the overall increase in adjusted pupil numbers from the 2023/24 formula to the 2024/25 formula.

	Adj. pupil no. 23/24	Adj. pupil no. 24/25	Movement
Nursery/Primary	12,318	11,928	(390)
Secondary	8,412	8,370	(42)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20,730</b>	<b>20,298</b>	<b>(432)</b>

#### **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 70.8% of the schools' budget (excl. Post 16) 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)**

	<b>Nursery</b>	<b>Reception</b>	<b>Year 1-2</b>	<b>Year 3-6</b>
Pupil Allocation	£3,300.71	£3,416.22	£2,909.13	£2,614.49

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

##### **Secondary Age Weighted Pupil Unit (AWPU)**

	<b>Year 7-9</b>	<b>Year 10</b>	<b>Year 11</b>
Pupil Allocation	£3,655.15	£4,825.08	£4,966.78

\*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.

<b>Basis</b>	<b>Allocation</b>	<b>Covering</b>
Internal Floor area	£26.29 per m2 This amount was originally calculated by looking at the actual spend of all schools and dividing by the entire floor area.	Repairs, maintenance, security, cleaning, refuse recycling, utilities. Roughly 50% of these costs are funded through 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 (£1,600 for schools with split sites).



## 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	£299,164
Jenner Park - ALN outreach		£73,243
High Street - Wellbeing/trauma (behavioural emotional and social difficulties)	8	£225,039
St Cyres - Physical and complex medical difficulties	7	£206,244
Whitmore - Autism base	45	£756,674
Pencoedtre - Autism Satellite	n/a	£121,634
Ysgol Bro Morgannwg Autism Satellite	n/a	£84,378
<b>TOTAL Delegated</b>		<b>£1,766,376</b>

**Mainstream Resource Units Delegated to Y Deri** – 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 under the Special School Formula.

**Non-delegated resource units** – Resource units at Y Ddraig and Palmerston are centrally retained and not delegated within the funding formula.

ii. **Primary Additional Learning Needs (ALN) - £3.326M**

A budget allocated to schools to support pupils with a higher level of additional learning needs in the primary sector. The ALN funding allocated per school is calculated using a combination of (i) Pupil Numbers in the school, (ii)WIMD based allocations, and (iii) statemented pupils. Each of the 3 parts is funded equally then divided between schools on an arithmetic basis.

iii. **Funding to support Additional Learning Needs (ALN) in the secondary sector £2.546M**

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

Schools receive an allocation of £3,642.47 per pupil identified with an IDP, or SAP, Statement. There were 699 pupils amounting to a total budget of £2.546M

## 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	Basis of Calculation
Head teacher	Various	Midpoint of the Head teacher's salary range. Notes – 3-19 schools receive two Head teacher allocations. Whitmore and Pencoedtre each receive an allocation for the Executive Head Teacher
Administration	Based on school capacity Primary Less than 421           £ 51,265 421 or more           £ 68,353 Secondary               £170,882	Based on a grade 6 member of staff at 1.5FTE for primary <421, 2 FTE for primary >421 and 5 FTE for Secondary schools. (secondary allocation includes an exam officer) Note - Additional per pupil allocation included in the AWPU for admin of £15.17 per pupil.
Caretaking	Based on school capacity less than 421 - £ 34,176 less than 701 - £ 51,265 701 or more       £ 59,809	Based on a grade 6 member of staff and 1 FTE for schools up to 421 capacity, 1.5 FTE for schools up to 701 capacity, and 1.75 FTE for schools with a capacity above 701
SLA's	£17,325 per primary school £29,388 per secondary school	A lump sum to fund central recharges and SLAs for payroll (Employee services), HR, Creditors, Schools finance support, Licence fees, ICT (basic support), GDPR and E-Teach.

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Rates/Rent/ Insurance	Various	Actual projected charges for rates, rent and foundation school premises insurance.
Listed buildings	From £7,500 to £15,000	Based on the estimated additional maintenance and repairs cost of listed school buildings.
Waste water treatment	From £1,000 to £4,500	An allocation for the five schools required to pay for waste water treatment systems
Translation (Welsh medium )	Primary - £4,080 lump sum Age 3-19 School - £40,800	Lump sum in addition to a per pupil allocation of £10.18 per pupil in Welsh medium schools.
Food Waste Recycling	£800 per school/ £1,600 for schools with split sites	Schools are responsible from April 2019 for the collection of food waste previously managed by Vale Catering Services.
Breakfast Club	£10,000 per primary school/£20,000 for schools with split sites	An additional amount per pupil is allocated via the AWPU
Split Site Allowance	£159,399 per school	Based on a non-teaching deputy head, and an allocation for additional admin and caretaking required for two sites.
Nursery split site allowance	£84,777 per school	For primary schools where the nursery school is on a split site across a main highway. Based on 1 teacher and a contribution towards additional caretaking and administration
Smaller schools' allowance	Pupil numbers less than 141 pupils            £59,144.25 211 pupils            £29,572.13	Protection for Primary schools under the optimum size of 210 pupils (excluding nursery). Based on the average teacher salary. One FTE for schools less than 141 and 0.5 FTE for schools less than 210.

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Amalgamation and Transitional Funding	Various.	To phase in funding reductions due to amalgamations, or provide budget assistance to school transition
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## 8. Free School Meals

Free school meal funding is not within the age weighted pupil units (AWPU) as not all pupils will attract funding.

The following table shows how the free school meal funding has been allocated to schools.

***Note – the eFSM data has been provided by the benefits section and includes both pupils eligible for free school meals, and those that are under the transitional protection arrangements.***

Allocation	Amount	Basis of calculation
Secondary Free School Meals	£513.00 per pupil eligible for free school meals	£2.70 meal price * 190 trading days.
Primary Free School Meals	£475.00 per pupil eligible for free school meals	£2.50 meal price * 190 trading days.

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.

**Appendix A****Breakdown of Primary AWPU Allocation**

	<b>Nursery</b>	<b>Recep</b>	<b>Year 1-2</b>	<b>Year 3-6</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Teachers	£1,969.50	£1,969.50	£1,969.50	£1,969.50	Teaching ratios of 1:30 and the average primary teaching salary.
Foundation Phase LSA's	£801.73	£801.73	£294.64		1:8 in nursery and reception and 1:15 in year 1 to 2. Only 35% is accounted for as around 65% of this cost is met through the RCSIG grant
Primary PPA	£181.19	£181.19	£181.19	£181.19	
Technicians	£82.38	£82.38	£82.38	£82.38	1 technician to every 360 pupils
Admin	£15.17	£15.17	£15.17	£15.17	8% of the admin budget (92% allocated via lump sum allocations)
Midday Supervisors		£115.51	£115.51	£115.51	1 midday supervisor to every 45 pupils.
Supply/ Maternity	£95.11	£95.11	£95.11	£95.11	
Breakfast Club	£35.60	£35.60	£35.60	£35.60	In addition to lump sum allocation per school
DBS Checks	£1.30	£1.30	£1.30	£1.30	
Resources	£103.00	£103.00	£103.00	£103.00	
Premises	£134.17	£134.17	£134.17	£134.17	Repairs, Maintenance, Security, Utilities, Cleaning, Refuse, Recycling. In addition to premises budget led by floor area
Efficiency Savings	-£118.44	-£118.44	-£118.44	-£118.44	£2.75M efficiency savings target set by the Council for schools for 23/24.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£3,300.71</b>	<b>£3,416.22</b>	<b>£2,909.13</b>	<b>£2,614.49</b>	

**Appendix B****Breakdown of Secondary AWPU Allocation**

	<b>Year 7-9</b>	<b>Year 10</b>	<b>Year 11</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Teachers	£3,089.64	£4,121.57	£4,121.57	Teaching ratios of 1:20 in years 7-9 and 1:15 in years 10 and 11. Using average secondary teaching salary.
Technicians	£219.69	£219.69	£219.69	1 technician to every 120 pupils.
Administration	£15.17	£15.17	£15.17	8% of the entire Admin budget. (92% allocated via lump sums)
Midday Supervisors	£115.51	£115.51	£115.51	1 midday supervisor to every 45 pupils.
Supply/ Maternity	£95.11	£95.11	£95.11	
DBS Checks	£1.30	£1.30	£1.30	
Resources	£103.00	£103.00	£103.00	
Exam Fees		£138.00	£279.70	
Premises	£134.17	£134.17	£134.17	Repairs, Maintenance, Security, Utilities, Cleaning, Refuse, Recycling. In addition to premises budget led by floor area
Efficiency Savings	-£118.44	-£118.44	-£118.44	£2.75M efficiency savings target set by the Council for schools for 23/24.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£3,655.15</b>	<b>£4,825.08</b>	<b>£4,966.78</b>	



**Appendix C****Mainstream Schools Formula Summary**

<b>Allocation</b>	<b>Method</b>	<b>Budget £'000</b>	<b>%</b>
Teachers (Inc PPA)	AWPU	£54,946	54.14%
Head teacher	Lump sum based on HT range	£6,431	6.34%
LSA (Found. Phase)	AWPU	£2,827	2.79%
Technicians	AWPU	£2,821	2.78%
Admin	Lump sum based on Capacity and AWPU	£4,136	4.08%
Caretaker	Lump sum based on Capacity	£2,187	2.16%
Midday Supervisors	AWPU	£2,232	2.20%
DBS checks	AWPU	£26	0.03%
Sickness/Maternity	AWPU	£1,931	1.90%
<b>TOTAL STAFFING</b>		<b>£77,537</b>	<b>76.42%</b>
SEN (usually spent on staffing)	Resource base lump sums, school allocations based on IDPs/SAP/Statement	£7,935	7.82%
Premises and Grounds	AWPU and floor area	£10,088	9.94%
Resources	AWPU	£2,784	2.74%
School Meals	FSM entitlement	£2,134	2.10%
Allowances	Smaller schools, Split site, translation, amalgamation and transition	£1,500	1.48%
Central Support	Lump Sums	£997	0.98%
Breakfast Club	Lump Sum and AWPU	£914	0.90%
Efficiency Saving	AWPU	-£2,404	-2.37%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£101,485</b>	<b>100%</b>

Note – The above table excludes the post 16 grant of £7.698M