

Schools Forum			
REPORT TITLE	Funding for Managed Moves between Lewisham schools		
KEY DECISION		Item No.	6
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1. Purpose of Report

As part of the Lewisham Alternative Provision Review one of the key actions has been to review and improve the Fair Access Protocol and the Managed Moves processes and protocols to ensure fairness and equity and transparency of funding streams.

As a result the revised Primary Fair Access Panel has considered the best way to incentivise schools to take a fair share of managed moves and to be able to manage the varied levels of risk associated with individual arrangements. This report looks at how this could happen.

2. Recommendation

- a) That the Schools Forum agree a voluntary code of practice of funding following a managed move between primary schools.
- b) That the funding be based on the AWPU unit only.

3. Claiming AWPU for managed moves

- 3.1 It was considered at Primary Fair Access Panel on 9th May 2017 that:
 - Schools should be able to claim funding for managed moves using an agreed formula.
 - Managed Moves would be reported at every Fair Access Panel.
- 3.2 This would incentivise managed moves as an intervention for children being considered for or at risk of permanent exclusion and therefore encourage schools to maintain balanced numbers of children coming into and going out of schools on managed moves.

3.3 Proposed model for calculating the cost of Managed Moves

- 3.3.1 The AWPU rate is currently £3,735.55 for primary and £5,134.61 for secondary pupils. The calculation is based on three dates:

1. The start date of the Managed Move
2. The date of the October pupil census following the Managed Move
3. The April following the October pupil census (when the funding is received by the school).

3.3.2 If a child starts a Managed Move in November, they will be entitled to 17/12 of the AWPU. This is because the child will appear on the schools census for the first time in the October census following the Managed Move and the funding will arrive to the school in the April following the census ie 17 months later. This is the most funding a school could receive for a successful Managed Move.

3.3.3 If a child starts a Managed Move in September, they will be entitled to 6/12 of the AWPU. This is because the child will appear on the schools census for the first time in October census (one month later) and the funding will arrive to the school in the April following the census ie 17 months later. This would be the smallest amount of funding for a successful managed move. (see Appendix 1 for funding calculator)

3.4 Currently there are no plans to support claiming back AWPU funding for the duration of an unsuccessful managed move.

3.5 Raising invoices for Managed Moves

It is proposed that the Inclusions and Reintegration Officer (Access, Inclusion and Participation Team) would raise invoices termly to **reimburse schools** providing Managed Moves on agreed dates/deadlines, set annually. This would both provide administrative support for schools, thus potentially incentivising Managed Moves, and will encourage schools to register Managed Moves centrally at the local authority (which is a legal requirement), providing valuable data.

3.6 Reporting back to schools and the local authority

The local authority will use Managed Moves data, together with other data collected from schools (e.g. on permanent exclusions and Fair Access Panel referrals), to provide reports to schools on Managed Moves and the work of the Fair Access Panel.

This will provide a much needed strategic overview which will:

- 1.6.1. Help schools and the local improve understanding of, and outcomes for the borough's most vulnerable children.
- 1.6.2 Meet local authority targets for reducing Permanent Exclusions
- 1.6.3 Prevent other, less quantifiable negative outcomes for children of statutory school age in the borough.

4. Recording Managed Moves

4.1 Fair Access Panel members propose that schools would self score an impact rating for the child based on a combination of their behaviour, SEN needs, and family background, all of which would affect the interventions the school would be required to make to ensure the success of the Managed Move.

4.2 The record sheet also offers an opportunity to monitor the reintegration placements for children at New Woodlands and Abbey Manor College.

Data captured will be regularly reported on and reviewed and it is anticipated that over time, the process will be refined, providing increasingly accurate and informative data to schools and the local authority.