
Decision Maker: Schools Forum

Date: 14th September 2023

Decision Type: Non-Urgent Non-Executive Non-Key

Title: Greater London Authority Universal Free School Meals Scheme (Key Stage 2)

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Ward: All wards

1. Reason for decision/report and options

- 1.1 This report provides an update on the GLA Universal Free School Meals scheme for Key Stage 2 Pupils and the allocation of funding.

2. **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

Schools Forum is requested to note the allocation of UFSM grant to Bromley schools and to note a further update will be provided at a future Schools Forum meeting.

Impact on Vulnerable Adults and Children

1. Summary of Impact: N/A
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Transformation Policy

1. Policy Status: Not Applicable
 2. Making Bromley Even Better Priority (*delete as appropriate*):
(1) For children and young people to grow up, thrive and have the best life chances in families who flourish and are happy to call Bromley home.
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Financial

1. Cost of proposal: No Cost:
 2. Ongoing costs: Not Applicable:
 3. Budget head/performance centre: N/A
 4. Total current budget for this head: £N/A
 5. Source of funding: N/A
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Personnel

1. Number of staff (*current and additional*): N/A
 2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: N/A
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Legal

1. Legal Requirement: Non-Statutory:
 2. Call-in: Applicable:
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Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? Not Applicable
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments:

3. COMMENTARY

- 3.1 The GLA announced a scheme to provide grant funding to extend free school meals (FSM) to Key Stage 2 pupils not eligible for benefit related FSM for the 2023/24 academic year only.
- 3.2 The funding has been set at £2.65 per meal. Concerns have been expressed by Bromley school leaders at the level of funding being significantly below the current cost of providing school meals to pupils. A small number of schools also expressed concerns about the practical implications of delivering an extended FSM scheme at relatively short notice, including physical constraints and staffing implications. The Council wrote to Bromley schools with Key Stage 2 (Junior) pupils and provided an opportunity for schools to opt out of the GLA scheme. No schools chose to opt out.
- 3.3 The grant allocation for Bromley has been set at £6,036k. Despite repeated requests, the GLA has not to date provided a detailed breakdown of the funding calculation. The grant criteria indicates that the level of funding is based on a 90% take up of free school meals by eligible pupils, using Census data. The funding will be received in three tranches over the academic year. In the event that the Council can evidence a take up of greater than 90%, based on information from schools, additional grant funding can be sought from GLA.
- 3.4 An initial allocation of funding has been included within the September payments to applicable Bromley schools as shown in Appendix A. The allocations are based on a 90% take up rate of pupils not eligible for benefit related FSM according to May Census data.
- 3.5 Future allocations may be amended based on any further updates from the GLA. Officers are writing to schools and will review any feedback indicating a take up of higher than 90%

September
total

£ 2,895,855.08

School Number	School Name	Not Eligible for FSM	Eligible for FSM	Total pupils in Y3-6	90% of non-FSM eligible pupils	September allocation
2000	ALEXANDRA JUNIOR SCHOOL	195	37	232	176	£44,182.13
2002	BALGOWAN PRIMARY SCHOOL	331	25	356	298	£74,996.33
2003	HARRIS PRIMARY BECKENHAM GREEN	76	25	101	68	£17,219.70
2004	CHURCHFIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL	206	48	254	185	£46,674.45
2006	HAWES DOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL	231	28	259	208	£52,338.83
2008	MARIAN VIAN PRIMARY SCHOOL	291	72	363	262	£65,933.33
2009	GRAYS FARM PRIMARY ACADEMY	131	98	229	118	£29,681.33
2010	OAK LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL	285	40	325	257	£64,573.88
2011	THE PIONEER ACADEMY	181	52	233	163	£41,010.08
2012	WICKHAM COMMON PRIMARY SCHOOL	220	18	238	198	£49,846.50
2014	BURNT ASH PRIMARY SCHOOL	162	87	249	146	£36,705.15
2016	HARRIS PRIMARY ACADEMY KENT HOUSE	135	69	204	122	£30,587.63
2018	PICKHURST ACADEMY	459	42	501	413	£103,997.93
2022	SOUTHBOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL	177	62	239	159	£40,103.78
2023	HARRIS PRIMARY ACADEMY CRYSTAL PALACE	118	77	195	106	£26,735.85
2024	VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL	210	46	256	189	£47,580.75
2026	RED HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL	338	85	423	304	£76,582.35
2027	ST JOHN'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL	56	28	84	50	£12,688.20
2028	RAVENSWORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL	97	74	171	87	£21,977.78
2029	ELMSTEAD WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL	89	65	154	80	£20,165.18
2031	HARRIS PRIMARY ACADEMY BECKENHAM	192	38	230	173	£43,502.40
2034	CHELSEFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL	38	16	54	34	£8,609.85
2035	HARRIS PRIMARY ACADEMY SHORTLANDS	160	22	182	144	£36,252.00
2036	LA FONTAINE ACADEMY	184	28	212	166	£41,689.80
2039	DARRICK WOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL	347	32	379	312	£78,621.53
2041	DOWNE PRIMARY SCHOOL	39	3	42	35	£8,836.43

2042	FARNBOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL	137	21	158	123	£31,040.78
2046	PRATTS BOTTOM PRIMARY SCHOOL	38	9	47	34	£8,609.85
2053	THE HIGHWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL	102	24	126	92	£23,110.65
2056	WARREN ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL	461	17	478	415	£104,451.08
2057	ST MARY CRAY PRIMARY ACADEMY	73	61	134	66	£16,539.98
2059	TRINITY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL	104	83	187	94	£23,563.80
2062	JAMES DIXON PRIMARY SCHOOL	131	76	207	118	£29,681.33
2064	LEESONS PRIMARY SCHOOL	90	101	191	81	£20,391.75
2066	MIDFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL	178	63	241	160	£40,330.35
2067	WORSLEY BRIDGE JUNIOR SCHOOL	123	60	183	111	£27,868.73
2068	LANGLEY PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL	203	26	229	183	£45,994.73
2069	EDGEBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL	213	31	244	192	£48,260.48
2070	HARRIS PRIMARY ACADEMY ORPINGTON	111	83	194	100	£25,149.83
2071	SCOTTS PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL	186	32	218	167	£42,142.95
2072	OAKLANDS PRIMARY ACADEMY	220	55	275	198	£49,846.50
2074	CLARE HOUSE PRIMARY SCHOOL	225	15	240	203	£50,979.38
2075	GREEN STREET GREEN PRIMARY	210	36	246	189	£47,580.75
2079	PERRY HALL PRIMARY SCHOOL	220	35	255	198	£49,846.50
2080	POVEREST PRIMARY SCHOOL	164	81	245	148	£37,158.30
2082	BICKLEY PRIMARY	215	17	232	194	£48,713.63
2084	MANOR OAK PRIMARY SCHOOL	45	52	97	41	£10,195.88
3000	KESTON CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL	80	16	96	72	£18,126.00
3001	PARISH CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL	280	62	342	252	£63,441.00
3002	ST GEORGE'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL	204	16	220	184	£46,221.30
3003	UNICORN PRIMARY SCHOOL	235	17	252	212	£53,245.13
3004	CUDHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL	26	8	34	23	£5,890.95
3005	ST PAUL'S CRAY CE PRIMARY	66	61	127	59	£14,953.95
3300	ST MARK'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL	183	44	227	165	£41,463.23
3301	ST NICHOLAS CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY	119	6	125	107	£26,962.43
3500	ST JOSEPH'S R.C.PRIMARY SCHOOL	115	9	124	104	£26,056.13
3501	ST VINCENT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY	106	15	121	95	£24,016.95

3503	ST PHILOMENA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY	99	18	117	89	£22,430.93
3504	ST.ANTHONY'S R.C PRIMARY	45	26	71	41	£10,195.88
3505	ST PETER AND ST PAUL CATHOLIC PRIMARY ACADEMY	94	28	122	85	£21,298.05
3507	ST JAMES' ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL	123	5	128	111	£27,868.73
3508	BLLENHEIM PRIMARY SCHOOL	65	46	111	59	£14,727.38
3510	BIGGIN HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL	198	42	240	178	£44,861.85
5200	CROFTON JUNIOR SCHOOL	643	71	714	579	£145,687.73
5201	HOLY INNOCENTS CATHOLIC PRIMAR	120	10	130	108	£27,189.00
5202	ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY	202	24	226	182	£45,768.15
5204	HIGHFIELD JUNIOR SCHOOL	347	21	368	312	£78,621.53
5205	HAYES PRIMARY SCHOOL	357	25	382	321	£80,887.28
5206	RAGLAN PRIMARY SCHOOL	229	24	253	206	£51,885.68
5207	TUBBENDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL	363	40	403	327	£82,246.73
7000	BROMLEY TRUST ALTERNATIVE PROVISION ACADEMY	8	6	14	7	£1,812.60
7001	BROMLEY BEACON ACADEMY	4	32	36	4	£906.30
7005	MARJORIE MCCLURE SCHOOL	12	11	23	11	£2,718.90
7012	RIVERSIDE SCHOOL	61	51	112	55	£13,821.08