

MEETING	SCHOOLS BUDGET FORUM
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TITLE	Schools' Grants 2017/18
PURPOSE	For your information
RECOMMENDATION	Approve the report
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Here is a summary by sector of the various grants for 2017/18 –

Schools	<i>PDG 5-15years</i>	<i>PDG under 5years</i>	Total PDG	<i>EIG notional Foundation Phase</i>	<i>EIG Other</i>	Total EIG	6th Form grant	Total Grants
Primary	£1,198,971	£222,200	£1,421,171	£3,068,655	£620,783	£3,689,438		£5,110,609
Middle	£41,592	£2,800	£44,392	£53,316	£23,129	£76,445		£120,837
Secondary	£769,638		£769,638		£387,273	£387,273	£3,407,388	£4,564,298
Special	£35,650	£600	£36,250		£14,282	£14,282		£50,532
Total	£2,045,850	£225,600	£2,271,450	£3,121,971	£1,045,467	£4,167,438	£3,407,388	£9,846,276

Appendix 1 details the main grants which have been delegated to each school in Gwynedd for 2017/18 – a total of £9.8million over and above the £71million delegated by the Council.

Pupil Development Grant (PDG) 2017/18 £2,271,450 (2016/17 £2,203,350)

Previously referred to as the Pupil Deprivation Grant (PDG), the grant has been re-named, but its purpose remains the same. The grant is allocated on the basis of pupils eligible for free school meals. For statutory school aged pupils 5-15 years old, the grant is £1,150 per head and for the under 5 years old the grant is £600 per head. The purpose of the grant is to target pupils who are most disadvantaged to improve standards in literacy, numeracy and to bridge the gap between these children and their peers.

Education Improvement Grant (EIG) 2017/18 £4,167,438 (2016/17 £4,171,818)

The purpose of the EIG is to raise standards. There is a specific formula for allocating the notional Foundation Phase element of the grant, with the requirement to work towards achieving a 1:8 adult to pupil ratio in nursery and reception classes, whilst the ratio is 1:15 in years 1 and 2.

The remainder of the EIG is allocated based on 80% pupil numbers and 20% free school meals.

GwE provides full support to schools on their use of the EIG and PDG, whilst also having responsibility to monitor and challenge their use of this funding.

6th Form Grant 2017/18 £3,407,388 (2016/17 £3,277,221)

Of the 14 secondary schools in Gwynedd, 7 schools provide 6th form courses. The grant allocation is based on a combination of pupil numbers/number of courses, deprivation, sparsity and Welsh medium education.