

28 November 2022

Dear

**ATISN 16846 – Freedom of Information Request – Pupil Development Grant and Early Years Pupil Development Grant individual allocations 2019 to 2020**

Thank you for your request which I received on 8 November 2022. You asked for:

A copy of the school allocations for the Pupil Development Grant (PDG) and Early Years Pupil Development Grant (EYPDG) individual allocations for the year 2019 to 2020.

**Our response**

The information you requested is enclosed. Please note that the allocations in 2018/19 and 2019/20 were both based on Pupil Level Annual School Census (PLASC) data from 2016. This was because the PLASC data from 2017 showed a drop in the overall percentage of learners eligible for Free School Meals (eFSM). It was therefore of benefit to the education system to use PLASC data from 2016 instead of the latest data available.

It was also decided by the then Cabinet Secretary for Education to provide assurance that the PDG would remain for the duration of the Assembly term by guaranteeing allocation levels for 2018-19 and 2019-20, enabling schools to continue to make sustainable, long-term decisions on investment that help identify and address barriers to learning.

**Next steps**

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:

Information Rights Unit,  
Welsh Government,  
Cathays Park,  
Cardiff,  
CF10 3NQ

or Email: [Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales](mailto:Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales)

Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office,  
Wycliffe House,  
Water Lane,  
Wilmslow,  
Cheshire,

SK9 5AF.

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely