
Councillor Flemming

PQ037-21 asked by Claire Bonham:

“The Local Government Association has recently reported that bringing forward the reporting deadline for pupils becoming eligible for the pupil premium from January 2021 to October 2020 would result in a funding loss of £118m across the country. Schools in England will not receive funding for those primary and secondary pupils qualifying for the extra payment between October 2020 and January 2021 until October 2021, with schools having to bridge the gap. Can the Cabinet Member confirm the number of pupils in Croydon affected by the change and the corresponding shortfall in funding? Will the Cabinet Member commit Croydon Council to providing financial support to any schools adversely affected by the change of deadline?”

Response

This has been discussed in detail at the School Forum meeting on 14 June 20221 please see attached paper outlining all relevant information in relation to this.

The table below shows the potential lost grant income by school type as a result of the changes. The impact is a result of approximately 27% of the student population missing out on grant income. The majority of the 726 impacted pupils are in the primary sector. The primary schools most impacted are in areas of deprivation and therefore the schools are adversely affected by the changes.

Period	Total funding £
Primary schools	581,040
Secondary schools	210,940
Total	791,980

“Will the Cabinet Member commit Croydon Council to providing financial support to any schools adversely affected by the change of deadline?”

Croydon Council will not be receiving any additional money to provide financial support to schools affected by this. Schools Forum have been made aware of the shortfall and will continue to lobby the Government to fund all those pupils eligible for the FSM funding.