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Sent by email only

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Dear Chair,

Education Funding

Thank you for your letter of 21st May requesting further details on the above topic. Please see the below answers to your questions and do not hesitate to contact me again if you require further information.

‘Base Budget’ Funding and Pay Awards

Please find details below on the ‘base budget’ funding amount provided to schools by Government in 2024 and 2025, as well as details of any additional budget provided for pay awards.

	2025 Budget Pay and non- pay in ledger as at May25	Pay inflation included in 2025 Budget	2024 Budget Pay and non- pay	Pay Inflation included in 2024 Budget
Bel Royal	2,424,000	87,000	2,201,000	151,000
D'Auvergne	3,897,000	140,000	3,856,000	269,000
First Tower	3,033,000	109,000	2,957,000	203,000
Grands Vaux	2,018,000	72,000	1,955,000	129,000
Grouville	3,154,000	113,000	2,954,000	201,000
Janvrin	2,910,000	104,000	2,818,000	197,000
La Moye	2,778,000	99,000	2,782,000	190,000
Les landes	1,363,000	49,000	1,354,000	94,000
Mont Nicolle	1,726,000	61,000	1,576,000	107,000
Plat Douet	3,692,000	135,000	3,521,000	248,000
Rouge Bouillon	4,161,000	149,000	4,084,000	280,000
Samares	3,463,000	126,000	3,057,000	222,000
Springfield	1,920,000	70,000	1,782,000	125,000
St Clement	2,156,000	77,000	2,035,000	139,000
St John	1,736,000	62,000	1,623,000	111,000
St Lawrence	1,583,000	57,000	1,613,000	109,000
St Luke	1,649,000	60,000	1,582,000	112,000
St Martin	1,679,000	58,000	1,693,000	114,000
St Mary	1,656,000	59,000	1,670,000	115,000
St Peter	1,653,000	58,000	1,629,000	109,000
St Saviour	2,497,000	91,000	2,404,000	166,000

Trinity	1,829,000	67,000	1,739,000	122,000
Primary Schools Total	52,977,000	1,903,000	50,885,000	3,513,000
Jersey College Prep	553,000	23,859	646,000	141,841*
Victoria College Prep	384,000	16,916	494,000	106,740*
Fee Paying Primary	937,000	40,775	1,140,000	248,581
Primary Schools Total	53,914,000	1,943,775	52,025,000	3,761,581
Grainville	8,602,000	299,000	8,588,000	563,000
Haute Vallee	8,251,000	290,000	7,914,000	523,000
Hautlieu	8,327,000	290,000	8,179,000	544,000
Le Rocquier	8,240,000	286,000	8,240,000	542,000
Les Quennevais	8,323,000	296,000	8,069,000	547,000
Secondary	41,743,000	1,461,000	40,990,000	2,719,000
JCG	2,990,000	114,888	3,121,000	373,481*
Victoria College	2,780,000	108,434	2,753,000	337,412*
Fee Paying Secondary	5,770,000	223,322	5,874,000	710,893
Secondary Schools and Colleges Total	47,513,000	1,684,322	46,864,000	3,429,893
	101,427,000	3,628,097	98,889,000	7,191,474

The School Funding Formula (SFF) determines the budget allocation to fully provided schools. The Age Weighted Pupil Unit (AWPU) determines the budget allocation to Fee-Paying Schools. Pay award funding was allocated to all schools on their normal basis – SFF or % of AWPU - in both 2024 and 2025.

The terminology 'Base Budget' refers to the standard elements of mainstream and inclusion funding, of which staff salaries is the greater part in both funding methods. Pay awards are included in Base.

Variations to 'Base' which attract additional budget are: Jersey Premium; 'top-up' funding for new Records of Need (RoNs) and other specific Inclusion adjustments; Early Career Teachers (ECTs) and Jersey Graduate Teacher Training Programme (JGTTP) teachers.

Base budgets are usually uplifted for pay awards in the month that the first payment is made at the new rate. In 2025, the pay award was already in the opening budgets because of the 3-year pay deal which meant that the figures for each school were known from the beginning of the year.

Pay awards are normally allocated to fully provided schools at 100%. Fee-paying secondary schools receive 47% and Fee-paying primary schools receive 22% of the pay award in line with their longstanding funding mechanism, AWPU (see P41/2017). The 47% and 22% applies to both Government of Jersey and private grant-aided schools.

In 2024, exceptional additional funding was allocated to fee-paying schools. This was to recognise the exceptionally high value of the 2024 8% pay award which left a more significant gap than usual for the Spring and Summer terms before these schools were able to increase fees. The fee rise from September, as usual, covers the balance of the recurrent impact of the pay award from that point forward and into future years. This required an increase in funding of £479,155 from CYPES.

*The additional funding for these schools in 2024 was:

School	Additional pay-award funding
VCJ	£147,268
VCP	£72,801
JCG	£160,618
JCP	£98,468
Total	£479,155

Age-Weighted-Pupil-Unit (AWPU) Funding

The age-weighted-pupil-unit (AWPU) funding provided to the fee-paying schools for the last five years:

JCP	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
AWPU (P41-2017)	489,202	476,239	435,790	467,581	421,927
Additional Funding					
Inclusion Base	27,426	7,074	12,493	0	0
RON Base	0	11,111	0	0	0
RON Top-Up	7,000	6,000	3,000	0	0
Exceptional Action Agreements	11,000	0	0	0	0
ECT / JGTTP	4,000	2,000	4,000	5,000	0
MLL	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	0
IT Delegated Funds	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Non-Consolidated pay	0	31,000	5,000	18,000	0
Pay inflation - 8 months at 100%	0	98,468	0	0	0
Jersey Premium	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	5,000
Deficit (-ve) Surplus (+ve) Carry Forward	0	0	0	-65,600	-32,000
LPA	0	0	0	3,000	2,000
Covid				21,376	0
Total paid on top of AWPU	63,426	169,653	38,493	-4,224	-22,000
Total Funding	552,628	645,892	474,283	463,357	399,927

JCG	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
AWPU (P41-2017)	2,840,890	2,697,899	2,493,127	2,459,600	2,340,335
Additional Funding					
Inclusion Base	54,190	60,784	57,384	0	0
RON Base	11,173	11,111	10,323	0	0
RON Top-Up	0	0	0	0	0
Exceptional Action Agreements	0	0	0	0	0
ECT / JGTTP	26,666	32,000	20,000	12,000	0
MLL	7,046	7,000	7,000	7,000	0
IT Delegated Funds	13,000	13,000	13,000	13,000	13,000
Non-Consolidated pay	0	96,000	5,000	45,000	0
Pay inflation - 8 months at 100%	0	160,618	0	0	0
Jersey Premium	37,000	43,000	34,000	35,000	22,000
Deficit (-ve) Surplus (+ve) Carry Forward	0	0	0	-37,500	-274,000
LPA	0	0	3,000	0	0
Covid				35,427	0
Total paid on top of AWPU	149,075	423,513	149,707	109,927	-239,000
Total Funding	2,989,965	3,121,412	2,642,834	2,569,527	2,101,335

VCP	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
AWPU (P41-2017)	340,544	329,406	295,329	330,236	298,402
Additional Funding					
Inclusion Base	5,525	4,310	12,493	0	0
RON Base	11,173	33,333	30,970	0	0
RON Top-Up	9,379	17,000	14,000	0	0
Exceptional Action Agreements	0	0	0	0	0
ECT / JGTTP	4,000	0	2,000	5,000	0
MLL	3,845	4,000	4,000	4,000	0
IT Delegated Funds	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Non-Consolidated pay	0	25,000	7,000	14,000	0
Pay inflation - 8 months at 100%	0	72,801	0	0	0
Jersey Premium	7,000	8,000	6,000	6,000	3,000
Deficit (-ve) Surplus (+ve) Carry Forward	0	-2,800	0	0	0
LPA	0	0	0	0	0
Covid	0	0	0	11,615	0
Total paid on top of AWPU	43,922	164,644	79,463	43,615	6,000
Total Funding	384,466	494,050	374,792	373,851	304,402

VCJ	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
AWPU (P41-2017)	2,607,160	2,400,063	2,180,758	2,302,869	2,264,951
Additional Funding					
Inclusion Base	49,019	22,802	57,384	0	0
RON Base	44,691	33,333	10,323	0	0
RON Top-Up	26,138	17,000	10,000	0	0
Exceptional Action Agreements	0	0	0	0	0
ECT / JGTTP	7,332	25,000	42,000	13,000	0
MLL	7,046	7,000	7,000	7,000	0
IT Delegated Funds	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000
Non-Consolidated pay	0	93,000	5,000	39,000	0
Pay inflation - 8 months at 100%	0	147,268	0	0	0
Jersey Premium	30,000	22,000	16,000	18,000	17,000
Deficit (-ve) Surplus (+ve) Carry Forward	0	-23,800	0	0	10,000
LPA	0	0	0	0	0
Covid	0	0	0	42,297	0
Total paid on top of AWPU	173,226	352,603	156,707	128,297	36,000
Total Funding	2,780,386	2,752,666	2,337,465	2,431,166	2,300,951

Note there was a reduction in Teachers pension from 16.4% to 10.8% between 2022 and 2023 resulting in a lower budget which covered the reduced costs. This had a net nil impact on budget variance.

In addition to AWPU funding, and phased over a three-year period (2022 – 2024), pre-existing Occupancy Charges were removed from these schools. This had the effect of reducing fixed costs and required increased investment of £480,000 from CYPES. This has a recurring benefit.

Schools	Charges removed (p.a.)
VCJ	£210,000
VCP	£30,000
JCG	£210,000
JCP	£30,000
Total	£480,000

I recognise the complexities of interpreting budget changes over the years and would be happy to arrange a private briefing if of help.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Rob Ward', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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