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Distribution of funding for innovation in small and small rural schools 2006-07

Total funding in 2006/07 is £4.1million and it has been distributed to LEAs for three separate purposes. The allocation between LEAs is on the basis of the same formula which has been used in previous years. A weighting of 70% is given to sparsity, 20% to the number of small schools and 10% to deprivation measured by the proportion of pupils entitled to free school meals. Funding is provided under powers contained in Section 14 of the Education Act 2002. Projects supported under the 3 purposes are shown on the annexes attached.

LEA	Purposes of the grant			
	Community projects	Joint working	Support to Heads	Total
Anglesey	72,387	67,000	45,242	184,629
Gwynedd	138,026	129,000	86,266	353,292
Conwy	77,079	72,000	48,175	197,254
Denbighshire	60,257	57,000	37,661	154,918
Flintshire	82,459	78,000	51,537	211,996
Wrexham	61,897	58,000	38,686	158,583
Powys	139,972	128,000	87,483	355,455
Ceredigion	92,146	87,000	57,591	236,737
Pembrokeshire	89,577	86,000	55,985	231,562
Carmarthen	156,161	148,000	97,600	401,761
Swansea	73,704	68,000	46,065	187,769
Neath PT	68,326	64,000	42,704	175,030
Bridgend	49,107	46,000	30,692	125,799
Vale of Glam	41,246	39,000	25,779	106,025
Rhondda CT	113,427	106,000	70,892	290,319
Merthyr	21,634	21,000	13,521	56,155
Caerphilly	80,870	75,000	50,544	206,414
Blaenau Gwent	31,228	29,000	19,517	79,745
Torfaen	24,937	25,000	15,586	65,523
Monmouth	52,437	48,000	32,773	134,210
Newport	33,801	31,000	21,125	85,926
Cardiff	39,322	38,000	24,576	101,898
Wales	1,600,000	1,501,00	1,000,000	4,101,000

Funding to support the development of community focus
Annex 1

LEA	Allocation £	Projects supported 2006/07
Anglesey	72,387	Support provided to two primary schools in rural areas to develop a "technology library" where pupils borrow lap tops for home use to help parents develop IT skills. Pupils in a communities first area have produced a series of short video presentations to promote better behaviour in the community. Out of school hours community access to sports facilities at a further school has been provided with an emphasis on fitness and health eating.
Gwynedd	138,026	Chemistry/Biology/Electronics club for children of all ages; music workshops and a theatre club established for pupils, with the community encouraged to volunteer for training in stage management, costume design and production.
Conwy	77,079	Develop school music and craft activities. Establish a before and after school club. Provision of outdoor classroom and a community computer suite.
Denbighshire	60,257	Planned activities include: out of school hours drama club to raise pupils self esteem, increasing out of school hours sporting activities; gardening club/forest school/meeting centre for the wider community
Flintshire	82,459	Holding a community festival, dance/keep fit club for whole community, health eating initiatives and ICT lessons for adults
Wrexham	61,897	Maelor School - provide opportunity for 9+ age group to join a community gym club. This will also enable older pupils at a secondary school to train as volunteer coaches and there will be an emphasis on healthy eating.
Powys	139,972	Provision of training in a wide range of subjects for parents of children with statements; access to IT facilities out of school hours for the wider community and upgrading of those facilities.
Ceredigion	92,146	The authority is working with clusters of schools to develop environmental activities including Eco-development, website development in conjunction with the establishment of a new integrated centre and activities to help and support non-Welsh speaking parents and children.
Pembrokeshire	89,577	Welsh for parents, Computer Club 4 Girls (CC4G), supervised play activities for 11-15 age group after school.
Carmarthen	156,161	Funds targeted towards the provision of broadband for schools and the preparation of a programme of adult evening classes for the community.
Swansea	73,704	Cefn Hengoed: Establishment of "community library", better utilisation of skills centre on site. Establishment of family learning programme for adults.
Neath PT	68,326	The authority has developed a draft strategy which is out for consultation with its cluster schools and other partners and is identifying what community schemes based schemes should be established.
Bridgend	49,107	Tyn yr Heol Primary - creation of soft play area. Community access to school ICT suite for adult education. Ogmore Vale primary - gardening/cookery club to raise awareness of healthy eating. Corneli Primary - provide open access play for 8-12 yr olds after school hours; provide base for Youthworks and police during the day to reduce youth annoyance and improve relationship between police and children. Betws Primary - establish community arts venue.
Vale of Glam	41,246	Improved community access to various schools for adult education. Drop in health clinic. Creche established for parents evenings. Community access to sports and leisure sports facilities out of school hours
Rhondda CT	113,427	Community Safety Partnership; intergenerational learning to promote health play out of school hours and the establishment of a community garden; family learning strategy for whole community
Merthyr	21,634	Learning support for parents seminars, after school provision for pupils which will also engage with parents; community dance classes with related health and fitness strategy; healthy eating workshops for the wider

		community
Caerphilly	80,870	Extension of forest schools; update site portacabin for youth and community facility Trinant Primary - Improved access to school and partition for Adult Learning including ICT.
Blaenau Gwent	31,228	Roseheyworth Primary - development of community based garden/outdoor play/learning environment. Glyncoed Comp - Re-development of old gymnasium to allow increased access to wider community out of school hours. Willowtown Primary - Community access to ICT suite out of school hours
Torfaen	24,937	Ponthir Primary - improved access to school facilities to be developed for the wider community including the operation of a "Celtic Club" to allow parents and other members of the community to learn about and perform traditional Celtic music.
Monmouth	52,437	The authority is still in the process of consulting schools to determine what community services are currently provided and identifying gaps in provision. Associated with this it is running workshops for headteachers and governors to outline the type of schemes it is proposing to support with the grant funds, such as community based learning, parenting and youth engagement.
Newport	33,801	The authority is currently consulting key partners about its proposals to introduce community schemes such as introduction of adult learning programmes, policies to promote social, emotional and physical well-being within communities and the expansion of extra-curricular activities
Cardiff	39,322	Organisation of family Saturdays to encourage community use of Llanrumney High School and the relocation of a Healthy Living Centre into the school building. Parental involvement in a history project around the Ely and Caerau areas including history walks with their children and involvement in creating displays about Ely & Caerau in the past and in the present. Involvement with the Cathays Multi Cultural Arts Celebration. Successful holiday play schemes with the primary schools to ease the pressure on working parents.
Total	1,600,000	

Funding to promote joint working between schools

Annex 2

LEA	Allocation £	Projects supported 2006/07
Anglesey	67,000	Piloting a school clustering scheme, including time to free the teacher to work on both sites. Reports from pilot will inform further decisions. Funding will also support joint meetings of groups of schools with similar small school characteristics to promote joint curriculum planning and sharing of best practice. Individual initiatives where schools are working together on co-operative projects will also be supported
Gwynedd	129,000	Continue to support schools working together to maintain standards and improve transition. Projects already started will continue to be funded. This involves 14 projects and over 50 schools which have co-operated on a number of curriculum enriching schemes.
Conwy	72,000	Conference of small schools supported to review initiatives introduced in 2005 and to identify those to be developed further. Successful practitioners will be enabled to work with primary advisers to share experiences and share good practice on differentiated work for pupils within classes of mixed ages. Co-ordinators working in each area will arrange working groups of schools for the sharing of good practice.
Denbighshire	57,000	Support regular cluster and INSET meetings focussed on the needs of the cluster. Delegated funding to schools will enable Heads and other staff to share good practice, develop 11 families of schools projects and pilot specific projects. Funding will support the sharing of 10 curriculum areas.
Flintshire	78,000	Continue to support the small schools forum which enables isolated schools to network together both formally and informally to share good practice. Funding for leadership courses will be provided in addition to curriculum collaboration projects.
Wrexham	58,000	Continue to support existing collaborative arrangements involving small schools which share good practice and curriculum planning and share teachers for specific areas of the curriculum. The key focus is curriculum planning using ICT. A teacher will be seconded.
Powys	128,000	Schools will be supported to work together via existing cluster groups to identify training needs on a coherent basis. A classroom practitioner will be seconded to promote effective teaching and learning in mixed age settings.
Ceredigion	87,000	Schools will be supported to work together on a cluster basis to develop coherent and innovative approaches to continued professional development, and will commission tailored training to meet identified needs. Schools will be supported to share good practice and expertise.
Pembrokeshire	86,000	Support will be given to 34 schools to facilitate links with other schools to share expertise. Teachers who have been trained as coaches will be enabled to work with teachers in other schools. Part time advisory staff will support the work. Heads will be provided with cover to release heads for important families of schools meetings.
Carmarthen	148,000	Clusters of small schools will continue to be supported on sharing good practice, curriculum expertise and support staff. Schools will collaborate on local moderation and transition arrangements between Y6 and Y7. Key stage 1 teachers in family of 4 small Welsh medium schools will be supported to develop ICT skills and produce joint curriculum materials for use in other schools
Swansea	68,000	Project involving a group of 5 small schools which have identified a science and technology project and will receive equipment and training to achieve their objectives. Some shared equipment will be purchased. An exhibition will result and a CD rRom produced for wider distribution.
Neath PT	64,000	The 16 small schools will work in clusters under the leadership of relevant development officers. Funding will be used to enable clusters to gain maximum benefit from joint working. Action plans will be produced enabling the sharing of staff for specific areas of the curriculum and to support the sharing of best practise and curriculum

		expertise.
Bridgend	46,000	Provide for employment of a teacher to support the development of specific curriculum areas (IT and ICT) within the 5 small primary schools, supporting the increase of collaboration. The 3 small nursery schools will also be supported to develop joint projects (on experiential learning and the use of the outdoor classroom) which will prepare for the foundation phase.
Vale of Glam	39,000	Increase opportunities for small schools to work collaboratively on the Assessment for Learning Agenda. Workshops will be held and schools will exchange teachers.
Rhondda CT	106,000	To allow small schools to release heads for collaborative working with peers, support networks for teaching heads and support consortium developments among small secondary schools for 14-16 ages.
Merthyr	21,000	Schools will be supported through the advisory network to co-operate effectively, sharing good practice and expertise. Schools will be supported individually and in clusters to ensure that all schools have the opportunity to network on a wide scale. Grant will support the freeing up of staff.
Caerphilly	75,000	A specialist advisor is being employed to work with 15 small schools to provide shared training on literacy, and to support post training networking. The exchange of teachers will be supported to promote the identification and sharing of good practice. Funding will also enable individual small schools to network more effectively with schools in their own cluster, including secondary schools.
Blaenau Gwent	29,000	Support 4 small schools working together on management and coordination of specific curriculum areas and supporting each other in generating common approaches to major curricular change. A common website is being established allowing each school to access and add to content.
Torfaen	25,000	Support a group of 4 schools to work on a literacy project led by members of the advisory team. Schools will work together on literacy, design technology, theatre and media studies aspects of the project which will begin in the primary schools and continue into year 7. The end of KS2 teachers and staff will work together on the project which will culminate in a drama production.
Monmouth	49,000	Support the secondment of a headteacher from a medium sized school to co-ordinate working together and sharing good practice amongst small school cluster groups. Project aims to share schemes of work and exemplars of good practice. An audit of the needs of small schools will be completed and the progress of cluster working will be evaluated.
Newport	31,000	Link advisers will support small schools to become involved in cluster activities. The cluster activities aim to secure reliable teacher assessment which aids transition.
Cardiff	38,000	Appointment of an advisory teacher will enable structured training in assessment to be provided in an identified group of small schools. Staff will be released to visit other settings. The cluster will support each other in the implementation of effective assessment procedures and produce a guide to exemplify effective practice in small school settings.
Total	£1,501,000	

Funding to support heads in small schools

Annex 3

LEA	Allocation £	Projects supported 2006/07
Anglesey	45,242	Shared between small schools on the basis of need to guarantee heads at least one day non contact time
Gwynedd	86,266	Grant shared equally between 80 schools with teaching heads as part of the LEA package of support to ensure sufficient non – contact hours.
Conwy	48,175	Grant shared equally between 31 smallest schools.
Denbighshire	37,661	Grant shared equally between 27 smallest schools.
Flintshire	51,537	Grant shared between 12 schools where the head has at least 50% teaching commitment.
Wrexham	38,686	Grant shared equally between 20 smallest schools.
Powys	87,483	Grant shared equally between 75 schools with teaching heads(which are also the smallest).
Ceredigion	57,591	Grant shared between 57 schools all of which had between 10 and 90 pupils on roll at January 2006.
Pembrokeshire	55,985	Grant shared between 31 schools where the Head teaches at least 50% of timetable, and proportionate to the numbers of pupils on roll.
Carmarthen	97,600	Grant shared between 63 schools with fewer than 90 pupils on roll. Shares varied according to pupil numbers.
Swansea	46,065	Grant shared equally between 6 of smallest schools.
Neath PT	42,704	Grant shared between 11 schools with teaching heads to ensure sufficient non contact time.
Bridgend	60,692	Grant shared equally between the 5 primary schools with fewer than 90 pupils.
Vale of Glam	25,779	Funding shared equally between schools with fewer than 90 pupils.
Rhondda CT	70,892	Grant distributed to 8 small schools <i>according to need to guarantee sufficient non contact time</i>
Merthyr	13,521	Funding shared between 5 small schools in proportion to head's teaching commitment, and used to provide administrative support.
Caerphilly	50,544	Grant shared between 9 schools where head has significant timetabled teaching commitment.
Blaenau Gw	19,517	Grant shared between 8 schools where Head has significant teaching commitment.
Torfaen	15,586	Grant shared between 5 smallest schools
Monmouth	32,773	Support for teaching head working with an additional school and remainder shared between 10 other schools with teaching heads.
Newport	21,125	Grant shared equally between 5 smallest schools.
Cardiff	24,576	Grant shared equally between 5 smallest schools.
Total	1,000,000	