

In accordance with Standing Order 28, Mr Alastair Dixon-Patterson, Director of Finance and Operations, Lydiard Park Academy, submitted written questions regarding exclusion income and redistribution.

Questions:

The following question has been raised in advance of schools forum with a request that the answer be addressed as part of the December Schools Forum.

- 1 In the financial year 2016/2017 how many pupils were permanently excluded and how many days provision were made for each of those pupils by the Local Authority before the pupil was permanently placed.
- 2 How many days did it take to place each pupil in a new school after the sixth day of exclusion?
- 3 How has the value for money requirement of public expenditure been tested on the current level of spend on exclusions support?

Responses:

- 1 73 pupils were permanently excluded, only 2 of these were reintegrated and they received 42 and 52 days of provision respectively
- 2 See commentary above
- 3 The Local Authority's Head of Education & Education Commissioner, together with 3 secondary school head teachers and other community representatives sit on the overall EOTAS (Education Other Than At School) Management Board. They collectively review the budget on a termly basis (6 times a year) and ensure that value for money is being achieved. In addition the Local Authority's Head of Finance – Technical sits on the Finance Sub-Committee.