

TESS Service Offer – Oct 2020



<b>Report to:</b>	<b>Schools Forum</b>
<b>Date of Meeting(s):</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> October 2020</b>
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Maintained School De-delegation 2021/22</b>
<b>Report of:</b>	<b>Colette Dutton- Director Children and Families</b>
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<b>Summary:</b>	To provide information on the TESS service offer and provide proposals regarding charging arrangements.
<b>Recommendation(s):</b>	To note the information provided in the report.  To consider proposals regarding charges for the service going forward.
<b>Implications:</b>	
<i>What are the <b>financial</b> implications?</i>	As set out in the report below.
<i>What are the <b>staffing</b> implications?</i>	None
<b>Risks:</b>	n/a

Please list any appendices:-

N/A

## 1. Introduction

- 1.1 A recent review of the Targeted Education Support Service (TESS) has identified anomalies in respect of the funding arrangements for their core service.
- 1.2 The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of the service offer and to provide details of proposals regarding charges going forward.

## 2. Targeted Education Support Service

### Service Offer and Funding Streams

- 2.1 All Wigan Schools (Primary, Secondary, Special, Academies and Maintained) currently get 10 sessions of TESS time per year (this includes two RDP visits).
- 2.2 All Primaries (Maintained and Academy) get additional support with SEMH (The cost of delivering this service was £275,000 last year).
- 2.3 Maintained Primary schools are currently paying for TESS through de-delegation as highlighted in section 2 of the report above.
- 2.4 All secondary schools, academies and special schools are currently not contributing financially towards the core TESS service.
- 2.5 This position is not sustainable for the service over the longer term. The service has seen a reduction in staffing levels in order to operate within existing budgets. There is also a desire to ensure that charges are fair and equitable across all sectors

### Proposals

- 2.6 The service proposes that from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021:

- **Maintained Secondary Schools (Forum Approval Required)**

Maintained secondary schools will pay for the core service they receive from TESS. As with primary schools, it is proposed that this is de-delegated. Schools Forum approval is sought to de-delegate £100,000 from Secondary Schools to support with the cost of the service provided. This equates to 1.6 FTE teachers within the service to support delivery. Appendix 1 of this report sets out the estimated cost to each maintained secondary school under this proposal.

For information:

- **Academies**

From April 2021 academies will have the option to commission the same service from TESS (*details to follow on the services for schools portal*). An RDP will be provided for all academies in September each year regardless of commissioning.

- **Maintained Primary Schools**

All maintained primary schools will continue to receive 10 sessions from TESS per year funded through de-delegation as set out in section 2 of the report. Large maintained primaries will receive an increase to 13 sessions.

TESS will continue to provide additional SEMH support sessions in Maintained Primary schools. These will be capped so that additional SEMH support can be more equitable across Primary schools.

- **Special Schools**

Will continue to receive TESS sessions funded by the LA

- **Secondary Buy-Back**

This will continue to be commissioned and financed separately.

### **3. Recommendations**

- 3.1 To note the information in the report and to confirm if any further information is required.
- 3.2 To consider proposals regarding de-delegation for Secondary schools in respect of the core service.