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Ein cyf/Our ref WQ87797 (e)

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Dear Laura,

Thank you for your question on 17 March regarding Welsh Government funding per pupil (WQ87797) which I committed to providing a substantive response as soon as possible and that I would publish it.

The Welsh Government's overall block grant funding is currently around 20% higher per person than comparable programmes in England<sup>1</sup>.

HM Treasury publishes statistics showing public expenditure per person across the regions and nations of the UK. The latest statistics show that spend per person on education as a whole in Wales was £1,680 in 2021-22, around 17% higher than spend per person on education in England<sup>2</sup>.

The Welsh Government does not fund schools directly. Funding is provided to local authorities (LAs) for pre-16 provision in schools in Wales mainly through the Local Government Revenue Settlement in the form of the Revenue Support Grant (RSG). The RSG is not ring-fenced; the funding allocated to each authority is available to the authority to spend as it sees fit on the range of services for which it is responsible, including schools. This is in line with the Welsh Government's policy that LAs are best placed to judge local needs and circumstances and to fund schools accordingly.

1. [Block Grant Transparency: December 2021 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/block-grant-transparency-december-2021)
2. [Country and regional analysis - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/country-and-regional-analysis)

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. Miles', with a wavy line above the name and a short horizontal line below it.

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