

Lakes College: Pay Statement for Senior Postholders

Lakes College Corporation has adopted the Association of College's Senior Staff Remuneration Code and this report sets out how the College takes decisions on the remuneration of its Senior Postholders.

A 'Senior Postholder', a specific term used in the further education sector, denotes a member of staff who is answerable and accountable directly to the Corporation Board. At Lakes College, both the Principal and Deputy Principal are Senior Postholders.

The Corporation Board has delegated to the Remuneration Committee the pay and terms and conditions of the Senior Postholders, with the exception of any agreements relating to the early termination of a contract (should that occasion arise), which is a decision reserved to the Board.

In setting the pay levels of the Senior Postholders, the Remuneration Committee took the decision that they wished to pay a salary commensurate with colleges of a similar size nationally in order to maintain a good level of candidate in the event of vacancies. Following independent review in 2010, the following pay policy was put in place by the Remuneration Committee:

- That the College would use the annual pay survey benchmarking material, produced by the Association of Colleges, for further education colleges (national bracket) as the guide to setting pay.
- The pay would be set at the quartile of that survey depending on the performance of the College in respect of the quality of the offer and the financial well-being of the organisation the previous year.
- That the salaries of other public sector organisations in the area would also be considered.
- That the staff award be taken into account.
- That CPI be taken into account.

This has placed the Principal's Salary at a pay ratio of 4.4 against the median earnings of the college. This is a comparatively low pay ratio for the public sector and has been static for some time as the Senior Post-holders have requested the Committee to award the same uplift as staff (where an award has been considered) since 2015 and this has been considered and agreed by the Committee. The Senior Postholders are also entitled to private health insurance, with the intent of limiting any absence to College.

The Senior Postholders, like all other staff, are contractually obliged to offer exclusivity of service. They must not, without the written consent of the Corporation, undertake any employment or engagement, which would interfere with the performance of their duties or give rise to a conflict of interest.

This statement has been endorsed by the full Corporation Board.

Nigel Holliday
Chair, Remuneration Committee
28 January 2021

Extract from the Financial Statements of Lakes College West Cumbria 2019-20:

8. EMOLUMENTS OF KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

Key Management Personnel

Key management personnel are those persons having authority and responsibility for planning directing and controlling the activities of the College and are represented by the College Executive Team which comprises the Principal, Deputy Principal and Assistant Principal. .

		2020 £000		2019 £000
Salaries		259		254
Benefits in kind		3		3
Pension contributions		54		41
		316		298

There were no amounts due to key management personnel paid for compensation for loss of office, that were waived in-year, nor any salary sacrifice schemes in place. The above emoluments include amounts payable to the Principal (Accounting Officer) (who is also the highest paid officer) of:

		2020 £000		2019 £000
Salaries		110		109
Benefits in kind		2		2
Sub Total		112		111
Pension contributions		25		18
		137		129

The accounting officer's enrolments represent multiples of median employee pay as follows:

		2020 £000		2019 £000
Principal and CEO's basic salary as a multiple of the median of all staff		4.4		4.4
Principal and CEO's total remuneration as a multiple of the median of all staff		4.4		4.5

Salary costs for all key management personnel are in line with salary benchmarks for Senior pay as published by the AOC. Pay awards are paid at the same rate as those awarded to other employees.

The pension contributions in respect of the Principal and Senior Post holders are in respect of employer's contributions to the Teachers' Pension Scheme and the Local Government Pension Scheme and are paid at the same rate as for other employees.