

Pupil Premium Policy



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Purpose

- The Government believes that the Pupil Premium, which is additional to main school funding, is the best way to address the current underlying inequalities between children eligible for free school meals (FSM) and their wealthier more socially advantaged peers by ensuring that funding to tackle disadvantage reaches the pupils who need it most.
- In most cases the Pupil Premium is allocated to schools and is clearly identifiable. It is for schools to decide how the Pupil Premium, allocated to schools per FSM pupil and those who have been in receipt of FSM in the preceding six years, is spent since they are best placed to assess what additional provision should be made for the individual pupils within their responsibility.
- Schools are free to spend the Pupil Premium as they see fit. However they will be held accountable for how they have used the additional funding to support pupils from low-income families. New measures will be included in the performance tables that will capture the achievement of those deprived pupils covered by the Pupil Premium. From September 2012, the DfE has required schools to publish online information about how they have used the Premium. This will ensure that parents and others are made fully aware of the attainment of pupils covered by the Premium.

Key facts

- The Pupil Premium is allocated to children from low-income families who are currently known to be eligible for FSM in both mainstream and non-mainstream settings and children who have been looked after continuously for more than six months.
- The level of the premium in 2016-17 is £1320 per pupil for pupils eligible for free school meals (FSM) and for pupils in care who have been continuously looked after for six months there is an allocation of £1900 per pupil.
- The Pupil Premium was introduced in April 2011, and paid to local authorities by means of a specific grant based on January 2011 school census figures for pupils registered as eligible for FSM in reception to Year 11. For looked after children the Pupil Premium was calculated using the Children looked after data returns.
- Local authorities are responsible for looked after children in care and will make payments to schools and academies where an eligible looked after child is on roll.
- Any pupils who have been eligible for free school meals (FSM) at any point in the last 6 years also qualify for the Pupil Premium. Funding is also set aside to accelerate the progress of any child leaving Year 6 with lower than expected attainment through the provision of Summer Schools in feeder High Schools.

Service Premium (Ever6)

- A premium has also been introduced for children whose parents are currently serving in the armed forces; this is £300 for 2016-17. This service premium is designed to address the emotional and social well-being of these pupils.

School vision

The targeted and strategic use of pupil premium will address historical inequalities in achievement between children on FSMs, Cared for Children, Service Children and their more socially and economically advantaged peers.

Principles

- The school will ensure that teaching and learning opportunities meet the needs of all of the pupils through quality first teaching.
- That appropriate provision is made for pupils who belong to vulnerable groups, this includes ensuring that the needs of socially disadvantaged pupils are adequately assessed .
- In making provision for socially disadvantaged pupils, the school recognises that not all pupils who receive free school meals will be socially disadvantaged and not all socially disadvantaged pupils will be in receipt of Free School Meals. We reserve the right to allocate the Pupil Premium funding to support any pupil or groups of pupils the school has legitimately identified as being socially disadvantaged. In our school, this may be as high as 85% in some year groups.
- The school also recognises that not all pupils who are socially disadvantaged are registered or qualify for free school meals. The school will reserve the right to allocate the Pupil Premium funding to support any pupil or groups of pupils the school has legitimately identified as being in need of intervention and support.
- Achievement data will be analysed closely and regularly by all teachers and leaders to track Pupil Premium pupils, ensuring that whatever intervention is provided draws on the strongest evidence based data. (such as the Sutton Trust toolkit)

Reporting

- It will be the responsibility of the Headteacher, or a delegated member of staff, to report to the Governors on:
 - the progress made towards narrowing the gap, by year group, for socially disadvantaged pupils
 - an outline of the provision that has been made since the last meeting
 - an evaluation of the cost effectiveness, in terms of the progress made by the pupils receiving a particular provision
- Governors will ensure that there is an annual statement to parents on how the Pupil Premium funding has been used to address the issue of 'narrowing the gap' for

socially disadvantaged pupils. This task will be carried out within the requirements published by the Department for Education and will appear on our school website.

- Parents will receive information as to the progress of pupils through personal information sent home on individual school focus plans (SFPs) and through reporting of assessment results at the end of the academic year and at regular parent meetings.