

# Pupil Premium Policy

#### Aims

- To ensure consistency in our approach to supporting children who are eligible for the PPG
- To outline the outcomes we expect so that these can be closely monitored and evaluated.

"Schools will have the freedom to spend the Premium, which is additional to the underlying schools budget, in a way they think will best support the raising of attainment for the most vulnerable pupils." (DFE website).

Schools are accountable for how they use the additional funding to support pupils from low-income families and the other target groups.

Schools receive PPG for:

- pupils eligible for Free School Meals (FSM)
- pupils classed as Ever6
- pupils of Service Personnel
- pupils who have been looked after for one day or more
- pupils who were adopted from care on or after 30 December 2005

(the size of the allocation differs between the different groups)

## Rationale

- We ensure that teaching and learning opportunities meet the needs of all of the pupils
- We understand the importance of ensuring that all day-to-day teaching meets the needs
  of each learner, especially those eligible for PPG, and that simply relying on
  interventions is not in itself sufficient.
- We ensure 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 and addressed.
- We provide targeted support to improve attendance, punctuality, behaviour or links with families where these are considered barriers to a pupil's learning.
- We appreciate that, although the focus of the PPG is to close attainment gaps for disadvantaged pupils, the PPG will also be allocated to support the emotional wellbeing of pupils and the extension of more able pupils too.

- In making provision for socially disadvantaged pupils, we recognise that not all pupils who receive free school meals will be socially disadvantaged and that not all pupils who are socially disadvantaged are registered or qualify for free school meals.
- We reserve the right to allocate the Pupil Premium funding to support any pupil or groups of pupils the school has identified as being socially disadvantaged.
- Pupil Premium funding will be allocated following a needs analysis which will identify
  priorities including classes, groups or individuals. Limited funding and resources means
  that not all children receiving free school meals will always be in receipt of Pupil
  Premium interventions at any one time
- We recognise that the most effective approach to supporting pupils' needs is flexible and responsive. Spending decisions will be underpinned by this approach.

### **PROVISION**

The following list is an indication of the support that may be given, although this is by no means definitive, nor will every eligible child require each identified aspect: The range of provision the school may consider making for this group could include:

- providing small group work with an experienced practitioner focussed on overcoming gaps in learning;
- 1:1 or small-group support including targeting higher achieving children on Free School Meals (FSM);
- the provision of specific or specialist equipment;
- additional class-based or intervention work to accelerate the progress of targeted groups or
- individuals;
- Learning Support to enable pupils to fully access learning and accelerate progress where there are specific barriers other than identified special educational needs;
- training or specialist guidance in order to meet the needs of pupils
- pastoral work to raise self-esteem, overcome emotional barriers or support pupils to make appropriate choices in order to maximise learning opportunities
- enrichment to provide opportunities for pupils to develop talents in sport and music (for example) to improve self-confidence and motivation for school
- payment for music lessons or after-school sports clubs
- support for behaviour and improve attitudes to learning
- financial support for school visits and residential experiences
- financial support for school uniform, school meals etc.

## REPORTING

- It will be the responsibility of the Headteacher to produce reports for the Governors on:
  - the progress made towards narrowing the gap for socially disadvantaged pupils
  - an outline of the provision that was made since the last meeting
  - an evaluation of the cost effectiveness, in terms of the progress, made by the pupils receiving a particular provision
- It will be the responsibility of the Chair of the Curriculum Committee to ensure this information is made known to the full Governing Body
- The Governors of the school will ensure that there is an annual statement to parents on how the Pupil Premium Grant 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.

### **OUTCOMES**

Through the effective use of PPG:

- 1. children will have access to an increased range of opportunities that will raise motivation and self-esteem
- 2. achievement of socially disadvantaged children will be maximised
- 3. socially disadvantaged children will have greater opportunities to take a full part in the school's curriculum

An analysis of the action plan will show the impact of the money on these areas. This will also be used to inform and future Pupil Premium plans.

Signed	 Chair of Governors
Signed	 Headteacher

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#### **APPENDIX 1**

In order to make decisions about how PPG funding should be used, we read several documents including:

- "The Pupil Premium; How schools are spending the funding successfully to maximise achievement" (Ofsted)
- "Pupil Premium Toolkit" The Sutton Trust
- "The Pupil Premium; Making it work in your school" Oxford School Improvement