

Pupil Premium Statement

Introduction

The pupil premium is additional funding for publicly funded schools in England to raise the attainment of disadvantaged pupils and support pupils with parents in the armed forces. Each school in the Trust will use the grant to support these groups, which comprise pupils with a range of different abilities, to narrow achievement gaps between them and their peers.

We also recognise that not all pupils eligible for pupil premium funding will have lower attainment than their peers. In such cases, the grant will be used to help improve pupil's progress and attainment so that they can reach their full potential.

This Statement will be supported by an annual statement (published on each school website) which accounts for Pupil Premium spending within each school.

Funding Allocation

The funding is allocated to schools for each pupil of compulsory school age (Reception to Year 11), who fits the eligibility criteria:

- have registered for Free School Meals in the last six years, or
- are in care of the Local Authority, or
- were in the care of the Local Authority immediately before being adopted, or who left care on a special guardianship order or child arrangements order, or
- have parents in the Armed Forces.

Principles

All schools in the Trust are allocated this additional funding, and each school will determine how best to use this money, guided by our shared values and principles.

- We expect all of our children to achieve well and make good progress. Pupil Premium will be used to provide additional educational support to improve progress and attainment amongst those groups who are socially disadvantaged. The funding will be used to narrow the gap between the achievement of these students and that of their peers.
- Students are entitled to a broad and rich curriculum and schools across the Trust will provide opportunities for children to participate in activities to develop wider skills beyond the classroom.
- Pupil Premium funding will be allocated according to need and schools will identify which individuals and groups of students are a priority for additional support or intervention.
- Each school will monitor the impact of the provision funded by Pupil Premium and ensure that the money is used to have a positive impact on the educational outcomes of disadvantaged students.
- Each school will use Pupil Premium funding to ensure that students make progress, learn to the best of their ability and are given the tools to reach their aspirations.

Limited funding and resources may mean that not all children receiving free school meals will be in receipt of interventions at one time.

- Children who are in the care of the Local Authority are provided with additional funding and this will be used to support the needs of these individual students.

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