



2016/17 Pupil Premium – Statutory Information

The Facts

Introduced in April 2011, the pupil premium is allocated to children who are either looked after by the local authority, have been eligible for Free School Meals at any point in the last six years (also known as Ever 6 FSM) and for children whose parents are currently serving in the armed forces. The level of premium for 2016/17 is £1,320 per primary pupil.

From April 2014 children who are looked after will attract a higher rate of funding than children from low-income families – the 'Pupil Premium Plus', which will be £1,900 per pupil. This is to reflect the unique challenges they face at school where they often struggle to keep up with their peers at both primary and secondary level.

Children who have parents in the armed forces are supported through the service child premium which is set at £300 per pupil.

Purpose

The Government believes that the Pupil Premium, which is additional to main school funding, is the best way to address the underlying inequalities between children eligible for free school meals (FSM) and their peers by ensuring that funding to tackle disadvantage reaches the pupils who need it most.

- The proportion of children in our school eligible for pupil premium is currently 40%
- The proportion of children in our school eligible for pupil premium plus is currently 2%.

The percentage has been calculated in respect of our school roll of 86 pupils.

In our case the Pupil Premium is allocated straight to us and is clearly identifiable in our budget. It is up to us to decide how the Pupil Premium is spent, since we are best placed to assess what additional provision should be made for the individual pupils within our school.

All schools can decide how best to spend this money but must report on and publicise annually how the money has been spent and what the impact has been on the achievement of the pupils. Pupil Premium is used to support initiatives, to raise achievement, improve attendance and provide out of school hours provision through a range of additional activities:

- ✚ Higher ratio of staff to pupils.
- ✚ Use of higher staff numbers to allow for smaller groups in some key areas.
- ✚ Focus intervention sessions for target pupils.
- ✚ Subsidy of costs for Kingfisher Klub including a specific subsidy for Pupil Premium children.

In the current financial year we have so far received £33,115 from April to December 2016.

Impact of Pupil Premium to Date:

Pupil achievement and progression is reported to parents on an individual basis. A report on the progress of this group of children as a whole in the last academic year is available on the website. Attendance is monitored by the Family Liaison Officer and concerns ARE raised with the Hertfordshire Attendance Improvement Officer. Attendance for this group is currently 94% which is the same as the school average. We will continue to monitor and provide interventions where necessary.

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Some Pupil Premium funding this academic year has continued to support the provision of a 'floating' member of staff for each department. The increasing complexity of the children who make up our school community means that on some occasions an additional member of staff is needed. These members of staff support curriculum trips out, swimming, cooking and any other activity which may present a higher risk. Without these additional members of staff some of these activities would not be able to take place or else would take place less often. One aspect of their work has to be to enable us to split children into much smaller groups for number work reading groups and phonics all of which have been a focus during the last academic year. 100% of the Pupil Premium have benefitted from this additional provision. Pupil Premium children have made an average of more than 3 sub levels of progress in Maths and English which is slightly better than the whole school cohort.

Some of the funding has supported the employment of a teacher for 1 day per week to provide booster sessions for pupils at a cost of £9,000.

Pupil Premium supports attendance for FSM (and ever 6) pupils at our holiday activity club (Kingfisher Klub). In the last school year attendance costs have been subsidised by half which has resulted in an expenditure of £1486 of Pupil Premium. 44% of the Pupil Premium cohort has attended these sessions.

Pupil Premium Plus

We have two Pupil Premium Plus pupils in school. Decisions about how to use Pupil Premium Plus funding are made during the PEP, CLA and Annual Review meetings. It was noted at the last PEP that one individual continues to make minimal in progress in Writing and Number. It was therefore decided that we would once again use the Pupil Premium Plus to provide some one to one sessions for this child to ensure their progress in these strands. We will monitor progress and decide on other interventions accordingly.

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