



## Pupil Premium – Statutory Information Financial Year 2019/20

### 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 2019/20 is £1,320 per primary pupil.

From April 2014 children who are looked after attract a higher rate of funding than children from low-income families – the 'Pupil Premium Plus', which will be £2,300 per pupil ( although the school only receives £1,800). 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. We do not currently have any pupils who fall into this cohort at Middleton School.

### 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 for 2019/2020 was 35%
- The proportion of children in our school eligible for pupil premium plus 2019/2020 was 4%.

The percentage has been calculated in respect of our school roll of 95 pupils.

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

All schools decide how to allocate their pupil premium budget but must report on and publicise annually how the money has been spent and the impact upon the achievement of the pupils. In the year 2019/20 Pupil Premium has been used to support initiatives, to raise achievement, improve attendance and provide out of school hours provision thorough 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 extra curricular clubs including a specific subsidy for Pupil Premium children.
- ✚ Art therapy sessions for three individual pupils.
- ✚ A specialised resource/ room for small group targeted sessions

In the last financial year the school received £43,520

### **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 and as individuals in the last academic year is available on the website.

Attendance is monitored by the Family Liaison Officer and concerns would be raised with the Hertfordshire Attendance Improvement Officer. Attendance for this group for the academic year 19/20 was at 95.05%. This is above whole school attendance figures for the same period of 92.0%. We will continue to monitor and provide interventions where appropriate.

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 enabled 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. We have also continued to develop our 'Jigsaw' intervention which provides booster sessions for individual children as well as for those who remain in smaller groups in class.

Pupil Premium supports attendance for FSM (and ever 6) pupils at some extra curricular clubs and activities. The impact of the Pupil Premium expenditure is measured through the progress of Pupil Premium pupils in Literacy, Numeracy and PSHE. We set our pupils a challenge target of achieving two sub levels of progress over an academic year. Progress for the pupil premium cohort 2019/2020 ( and a direct comparison with the whole school cohort) can be viewed below;

	English - % of pupils making 2 or more sub levels of progress	Maths - % of pupils making 2 or more sub levels of progress	PSHE- % of pupils making 2 or more sub levels of progress
<b>Pupil Premium Cohort</b>	<b>88%</b>	<b>88%</b>	<b>92%</b>
Whole school cohort	82%	84%	84%

It is evident from the data shared that the Pupil Premium Cohort 2019/2020 have made progress in line with and exceeding that of the main body of the school. The impact of interventions funded has been very positive for this cohort of pupils.

### **Pupil Premium Plus**

We have four 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.