

Pupil Premium Strategy

Academy Vision

The targeted and strategic use of pupil premium funding to support the achievement of our most economically disadvantaged children.

Background Information

The Pupil Premium is a Government initiative that targets extra money at pupils from deprived backgrounds, which research shows underachieve compared to their non-deprived peers. The premium is provided in order to support these pupils in reaching their potential.

The following explanation of pupil premium funding is an extract from the Department for Education.

“This money is allocated to schools by the Department for Education in addition to main school funding. The Government believes that the Pupil Premium is the best way to address the current underlying inequalities ... by ensuring that funding to tackle disadvantage reaches the pupils who need it most.”

The Government have used pupils who are service children, LAC and children who are entitled to Free School Meals as an indicator for deprivation, and have deployed a fixed amount of money to schools per pupil, based on the number of pupils registered for Free School Meals. This fixed amount of money will increase every year of the course of this current Parliament.

The Government are not dictating how schools should spend this money, but are clear that schools will need to employ the strategies they know will support their pupils to increase their attainment, and ‘narrow the gap’. Schools will be accountable for narrowing the gap.

Principles

- We will ensure that teaching and learning opportunities meet the needs of all pupils.
- We will 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.
- In making provision for socially disadvantaged pupils, we recognise that not all pupils who receive FSM will necessarily be socially disadvantaged.
- We also recognise that not all pupils who are socially disadvantaged are registered or qualify for FSM.
- Pupil Premium funding will be allocated following a needs analysis which will identify priority classes, groups or individuals. Limited funding and resources means that not all children receiving FSM will be in receipt of Pupil Premium interventions at one time.

Provision

All our work through the Pupil Premium will be aimed at accelerating progress; moving children to at least age related expectations.

Pupil Premium resources will also be used to target able children on FSM to achieve the greater depth standard at the end of each key stage.