



## **PUPIL PREMIUM**

### **WHAT IS PUPIL PREMIUM?**

Pupil Premium is the amount of additional funding school receives for children who are entitled to Free School Meals. In addition there is Pupil Premium Plus payable for Looked After Children and Forces Children. The purpose of this money is to narrow the gap between attainment of disadvantaged children and the rest of their cohort.

Schools can spend this money on a range of different activities but it must be targeted at the specific children who attract the funding.

Every data collection sheet is checked using the parents National Insurance Number, to determine whether the school can apply for Pupil Premium Funding for your child. It is therefore essential that this information is completed and returned to the school office at the beginning of every academic year.

Children who have been entitled to Pupil Premium Funding at any point during the Primary school years, will be entitled to receive this funding until they leave primary school. This is known as Ever6 funding.

### **WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF PUPIL PREMIUM?**

Our key priority for Pupil Premium funding is to narrow the disadvantage gap by addressing inequalities and raising attainment of those children from low income families, services families or in looked after provision. We use the funding to target additional support strategies in order to improve levels of attainment and progress and to ensure that disadvantaged children have full access to our curriculum and our extra-curricular provision.

### **HOW WE SPENT PUPIL PREMIUM IN THE LAST TWO YEARS**

#### **Pupil Premium 2015/2016**

In the academic year 2015-2016, our Pupil Premium Funding was reduced significantly due to only having three children in receipt of Free School Meals. As a result our funding fell from £27,720 last year to only £3,960 this year. As a result this is being used to contribute to the salary of a teacher who provides booster groups and interventions, however, the remainder of this salary is being paid from the school budget.

#### **Pupil Premium 2016-2017**

In the academic year 2016-2017, our Pupil Premium Funding was £21,120. Approximately 50% of the funding was used to contribute towards Teaching Assistant and Higher Level Teaching Assistant salaries to ensure the continued provision of intervention groups. Professional Advisors were brought into school to provide advice and support on meeting the needs of two specific children. Resources were purchased including ICT software licenses to support children. Funding was also allocated from Pupil Premium to allow disadvantaged children to access music lessons provided by the Durham Music Service.

## **Pupil Premium 2017-2018**

In the academic year 2017-2018, our Pupil Premium Funding increased to £26,523. This funding was used to increase the hours of a Teaching Assistant to provide intervention groups identified through School Support Plans. Interventions included: spelling, Lexia, Phonics, Nessy and 1:1 targeted support. We have also invested £2,000 in additional ICT equipment to allow access to APPS and software to support teaching and learning.

Additional Catch Up programmes were introduced in Year 1 to close the gap and ensure children met their end of year targets (which were achieved).

Individual workbooks (Toe by Toe, Power of 1 and Power of 2) were purchased for 1:1 teaching programmes.

Funding was also allocated to allow disadvantaged children to access after school clubs and extra-curricular activities including our residential trip to Kingswood.

In addition, Pupil Premium is also used to fund specific places in our Breakfast Club and After school club in order to ensure children receive appropriate meals throughout the day and before they go home.

### **HOW IS PUPIL PREMIUM MONITORED?**

Data regarding pupil progress is analysed every half term by the Class Teacher and Senior Leadership Team.

The effectiveness of the expenditure is monitored by the Senior Leadership Team and is reported to Governors every term in the Headteacher's Report. Pupil Premium Funding is also monitored by our EDP from County Hall.

### **IS PUPIL PREMIUM EXPENDITURE EFFECTIVE?**

Our 2018 Key Stage SATs results demonstrate how effective our expenditure of pupil premium is. Our results were as follows:

100% of children in receipt of Pupil Premium funding achieved the national standard in Reading.

100% of children in receipt of Pupil Premium funding achieved the national standard in Maths.

100% of children in receipt of Pupil Premium funding achieved the national standard in GPS (Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling).

100% of children in receipt of Pupil Premium funding achieved working towards the national standard but made significant progress from their starting point.

In addition to our academic results we are also delighted to report that:

- 5% of our children are in receipt of free Breakfast Club
- 15% of children access after school club free which provides a hot meal before bedtime
- Out of the 10% of our children who play musical instruments, 3% receive free tuition paid for by Pupil Premium
- 10 children now have access to additional ICT equipment, APPS and software
- 12% of children have access to educational visits or extra-curricular activities which they would otherwise be unable to afford