

The Pupil Premium

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

In most cases the Pupil Premium is allocated to schools and is clearly identifiable. It is for schools to decide how the Pupil Premium, allocated to schools per FSM pupil, is spent, since they are best placed to assess what additional provision should be made for the individual pupils within their responsibility.

In this school about 60% of the premium is put towards funding classroom support in the way of Higher Level Teaching Assistants or Teaching Assistants. This ensures the group sizes for the teaching of Mathematics and English are kept to a minimum (usually no more than 15 children). We believe this gives our most vulnerable children the best academic support possible. We also use some of the budget to pay for 1:1 tuition for those children who are not entitled to 1:1 tuition through other means.

The remaining budget is used to subsidise clubs, activities and outings for children from low income families. This ensures vulnerable children have access to the same opportunities as their peers and are able to experience a full and exciting school life as a result. This year some of the pupil premium is paying for subsidised music lessons and some of the premium is paying for dance, football, music and cooking classes.

Please contact the school for further information on pupil premium or go to www.education.gov.uk/schools/pupilsupport/premium