Pupil Premium Policy

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The Pupil Premium is additional funding given to schools via the Government to address the current underlying inequalities between children eligible for free school meals (FSM) and non-eligible peers by ensuring that funding to tackle disadvantage reaches the pupils who need it most.

From the start of the 2026 to 2027 academic year, the Department for Education (DfE) is delivering an expansion to FSM eligibility to include all pupils from households in receipt of Universal Credit. There will then be 2 categories of FSM:

- Targeted FSM, which continues to be based on the existing £7,400 income threshold
- Expanded FSM, which will apply to meals only, covering pupils who do not qualify for Targeted FSM, but who are in households in receipt of Universal Credit

Following the expansion of FSM, only pupils eligible for Targeted FSM will be part of the Ever 6 FSM cohort. This means that pupils who become eligible for FSM for the first time through the new Expanded FSM category will not attract pupil premium funding.

Principles

- We ensure that teaching and learning opportunities meet the needs of all of the pupils.
- We ensure that appropriate provision is made for pupils who belong to vulnerable groups, including the most able, ensuring that the needs of socially disadvantaged pupils are assessed and addressed.
- In making provision for socially disadvantaged pupils, we recognise that not all pupils who receive free school meals will be socially disadvantaged.
- We recognise that not all pupils who are socially disadvantaged are registered or qualify for free school meals.
- We recognise that pupils who are entitled to the Pupil Premium Grant can be our most able learners.
- We reserve the right to allocate the Pupil Premium funding to support any pupil or groups of pupils the school has legitimately identified as being socially disadvantaged.
- 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 free school meals will be in receipt of pupil premium interventions at one time.
- We aim to ensure the learning needs of individuals will be met, pupils are challenged and any gaps are closed.
- Our work will ensure that other pupils, not eligible for funding, will benefit and this will also be reported.
- We have a plan of how funding will be used and review progress towards this.

Provision

- Provision and use of resources will change according to the needs of the pupils. Details are recorded in the PPG plan.
- PPG pupils and Most Able PPG pupils will have their progress tracked closely and provision planned accordingly.

Success Criteria

- Early intervention and support for all socially disadvantaged pupils, including our Most Able pupils.
- The overwhelming majority of socially disadvantaged children will meet their targets.
- Improved attendance for this group of children.
- Increase the number of PPG pupils attending clubs and sporting events.

Reporting

- School will publish information annually on how they have used their Pupil Premium Grant.
- School will publish information annually on how the Pupil Premium Grant has had an impact on all PPG pupils.
- The Headteacher will maintain an ongoing programme of support which will be subject to review and challenge by the Governing body.