

Pupil Premium Grant

Pupil Premium is a government grant which is allocated to schools to assist pupils from low income families who are eligible (or have been eligible in any of the 6 previous years) for free school meals (FSM) and for children who have been 'looked after' by the local authority for more than six months.

Number of pupils and pupil premium grant (PPG) received		
	2015-16	2016-2017
Total number of pupils on roll	210	209
Total number of pupils eligible for PPG	68	60
Amount of PPG received per pupil	£1,320	£1,320
Total amount of PPG received	£89,760	£79,200

The school carefully ring-fences the funding at the beginning of the academic year so that it is spent on a targeted group of students.

- The school never confuses eligibility for the pupil premium with low ability, and focuses on supporting our disadvantaged pupils to achieve the highest levels.
- The school thoroughly analyses which pupils are underachieving, particularly in English, mathematics and science, and why.
- We allocate teachers and teaching assistants to teach intervention groups to improve mathematics and English.
- The school uses achievement data frequently to check whether interventions or techniques are working and make adjustments accordingly, rather than just using data retrospectively to see if something had worked.
- The school ensures that the Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher have a clear overview of how the funding is being allocated and the difference it is making to the outcomes for pupils termly (via pupil progress meetings).
- The school also ensures that class and subject teachers know which pupils are eligible for the pupil premium so that they can take responsibility for accelerating progress.

Summary of activities/interventions that the pupil premium currently funds:

- Extra small group work throughout school (in Maths and English).
- To fund/contribute towards lunchtime school sports activities which allow the children to become fitter, more confident and self-assured.
- To improve personal and social development of the children to participate in trips. These experiences include residential trips to an activity centre, a trip to London, school productions and school trips providing experiences to support topics being taught.
- Breakfast club. To help aid punctuality, to develop social skills and ensure children have a healthy breakfast.
- Our SENCo runs a drop-in centre once a week during lunch to ensure children have the opportunity to air worries and or concerns about home and school.
- Resources to complement the curriculum including quality books for children to take home and read, apps for iPads and software (Crick).
- Uniform where necessary, including book bags and shoes.
- Snack monies paid for as and when necessary.
- Attendance incentives for children who achieve 100% attendance.

As you can see this funding has a huge impact on a child's academic and personal development. Therefore please let us know if your child is eligible to claim for a free school meal. Even if you don't want your children to have the meals, claiming them helps the school obtain additional funding to support your child's learning. The more eligible parents who claim free school meals, the more funding the school receives to support our children's learning.