

Pupil Premium

What is Pupil Premium?

Pupil Premium is allocated to schools on the basis of the number of children whom are entitled to free school meals and to children who have been looked after continuously for more than 6 months. Additionally pupils of Service Families receive a reduced amount of pupil premium. School received Pupil Premium money for the first time in the financial year 2011-2012. In 2012-2013 this money also includes pupils eligible for free school meals or those who have been in public care at any point in the last six years (known as the Ever 6 FSM measure).

We are free to spend the Pupil Premium as we see fit. As part of our duty to be publically accountable for this additional funding and how we have used this to support pupils from low income families we are required to publish online information about how we have used this Pupil Premium. By doing so this ensures that parents and others are made fully aware of the attainment of pupils covered by the Premium and the extra support that they have received to enable this attainment.

Accountability

The government believes that head teachers and school leaders should decide how to use the pupil premium. We are held accountable for the decisions we make through:

- the performance tables which show the performance of disadvantaged pupils compared with their peers
- the Ofsted inspection framework, under which inspectors focus on the attainment of pupil groups, and in particular those who attract the pupil premium
- the reports for parents that schools have to publish online

In **2013/14** the pupil premium was used in a variety of ways. These included:

- Additional Teaching Assistant support to deliver personalised intervention programmes
- Additional resources/equipment such as ICT equipment to meet pupil needs

In **2014/15** we will continue to use this funding to deliver personalised intervention programmes for eligible pupils.