

### What is pupil premium?

Since April 2011, the Government has provided schools with an amount of money in addition to their budget, to address the current underlying inequalities which exist between children eligible to receive Free School Meals and their peers who are not. This money is called our Pupil Premium funding and is provided specifically for

- children from low income families who are eligible for Free School Meals
- any child who has been eligible for Free School Meals in the last six years
- children from Armed Forces families
- children who have been 'Looked After' by the Local Authority i.e. supported by foster carers, are adopted or in care for more than six months

It is expected that this extra funding will help schools to 'close the gap' in achievement between 'all pupils' and those seen to be disadvantaged. It is felt that schools are best placed to decide for themselves how to use this funding when supporting pupils in their care.

### Why do we need Pupil Premium?

All our pupils are individuals who have great potential to do well; not just academically but also in their social, moral, spiritual and cultural development. Those pupils who meet the Pupil Premium criteria are believed to be more vulnerable to underachievement than others. These pupils need more support and encouragement than others to achieve their full potential. We have a moral and professional responsibility to do our utmost to ensure this happens.

We provide extra support to all pupils who we do not feel are progressing as we would expect, but with the Pupil Premium money we receive, we are able to provide a more detailed programme of support to help those specific pupils who may be disadvantaged to make even better progress.

### What support do we provide?

The range of provision the staff and Governors consider making for this group include:

- Reducing class sizes thus improving opportunities for effective teaching and accelerating progress.
- Providing 1:1 and small group work with an experienced teacher or assistant teacher focused on overcoming gaps in learning.
- Additional teaching and learning opportunities provided through trained TAs or external agencies.
- Additional hours for teaching assistants to support small groups of children in classrooms
- Additional hours for experienced teacher thus making smaller classes
- Emotional literacy support through ELSA officer

- Individual support through ABC Reading

The majority of our work through the pupil premium will be aimed at accelerating progress, moving children towards at least age related expectations.

In addition, the school recognises that the wider curriculum supports and enriches children's development in communication, English and maths, and therefore funding will also be allocated to enable children to participate fully and actively in wider and extra-curricular activities and other incidental expenses.

### Number of pupils and pupil premium grant (PPG) received 2015/16

Total number of pupils on roll at census date, Jan 2016	65
Total number free dinners for FSM funding	*
Total number Post Looked After Arrangements	*
Total number Service Children	*
Total number legible for PPG	*
Total number of PPG received	*

### Measuring the impact of PPG spending in 2015/16

Progress during 2015/16

Progress and attainment was tracked and monitored carefully to maximise progress towards full potential.

All supported children met or exceeded their expected targets from their individual starting points. All children moved to their next academic year at the expected national standard or above the expected national standard.

\*to maintain pupil confidentiality we cannot publish the breakdown of children receiving PPG or the overall amount received.