

Pupil premium policy

Wodensfield Primary School



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1. Aims

The Pupil Premium (PP) is designed to ensure that funding to tackle disadvantage reaches the pupils who need it the most. We aim to use PP funding strategically to support the identified children to reach their full potential which forms our vision for all of our pupils. By accessing a broad and balanced curriculum with individualised support, children should accelerate in their progress and reach expectations. We will also offer an enriched curriculum that will raise aspirations and educational experiences for all our pupils.

2. Legislation and guidance

This policy is based on the [pupil premium allocations and conditions of grant guidance 2022 to 2023](#), published by the Education and Skills Funding Agency. It is also based on guidance from the Department for Education (DfE) on [virtual school heads' responsibilities concerning the pupil premium](#), and the [service premium](#).

3. Purpose of the grant

The pupil premium grant is additional funding allocated to publicly funded schools to raise the attainment of disadvantaged pupils and support pupils with parents in the armed forces.

The school will use the grant to support these groups, which comprise pupils with a range of different abilities, to narrow any achievement gaps between them and their peers.

We also recognise that not all pupils eligible for pupil premium funding will have lower attainment than their peers. In such cases, the grant will be used to help improve pupils' progress and attainment so that they can reach their full potential.

4. Use of the grant

During 2022-23 we will focus on;

Improving Day to Day Teaching:

We will ensure that all children across the school receive good quality first teaching by ensuring that our leaders:

- Set high expectations
- Address any within-school variance
- Ensure consistent implementation of school policies (e.g. marking and feedback)
- Share good practice within the school and draw on expertise
- Provide high quality CPD
- Improve assessment through levelling and moderation across the school

Individualising Support:

We will ensure that the additional support we provide is effective by:

- Looking at the individual needs of each child and identifying their barriers to learning
- Ensuring support staff and teachers communicate effectively and regularly
- Provide high quality interventions across **all Year Groups**
- Working with other agencies to provide additional expertise (e.g. CLL)
- Provide support for parents and families
- Tailoring interventions to the needs of the child.

› Our plan is informed by research evidence, referring to a range of sources, such as the [guide published by the Education Endowment Foundation \(EEF\)](#)

We will publish our strategy statement on the school's use of the pupil premium in each academic year on the school website, in line with the DfE's [guidance on using the pupil premium](#) and using the templates on GOV.UK.

Our pupil premium strategy statement is available here: [Pupil Premium | Wodensfield Primary](#)

5. Eligible pupils

The pupil premium is allocated to the school based on the number of eligible pupils in Years R-6

Eligible pupils fall into the categories explained below.

5.1 Ever 6 free school meals

Pupils recorded in the most recent October school census who are known to have been eligible for free school meals at any point in the last 6 years (as determined by the DfE's latest conditions of grant guidance).

This includes pupils first known to be eligible for free school meals in the most recent October census.

It does not include pupils who received universal infant free school meals but would not have otherwise received free lunches.

5.2 Looked-after children

Pupils who are in the care of, or provided with accommodation by, a local authority in England or Wales for at least 1 day. Allocations will be provisionally based on the children looked-after data return in March of the previous year, and then confirmed in December of the current year based on the children looked-after data return in March of the current year.

5.3 Post looked-after children

Pupils recorded in the most recent October census who were looked after by an English or Welsh local authority immediately before being adopted, or who left local authority care on a special guardianship order or child arrangements order.

5.4 Ever 6 service children

Pupils recorded in the most recent October census:

- › With a parent serving in the regular armed forces
- › Who have been registered as a 'service child' in the school census at any point in the last 6 years (as determined by the DfE's latest conditions of grant guidance), including those first recorded as such in the most recent October census
- › In receipt of a child pension from the Ministry of Defence because one of their parents died while serving in the armed forces

6. Roles and responsibilities

6.1 Headteacher and senior leadership team

The headteacher and senior leadership team are responsible for:

- › Keeping this policy up to date, and ensuring that it is implemented across the school
- › Ensuring that all school staff are aware of their role in raising the attainment of disadvantaged pupils and supporting pupils with parents in the armed forces
- › Planning pupil premium spending and keeping this under constant review, using an evidence-based approach and working with virtual school heads where appropriate
- › Monitoring the attainment and progress of pupils eligible for the pupil premium to assess the impact of the school's use of the funding
- › Reporting on the impact of pupil premium spending to the governing board on an ongoing basis
- › Publishing the pupil premium strategy statement on the school's use of the pupil premium in each academic year on the school website, in line with the DfE's [guidance on using the pupil premium](#) and using the templates on GOV.UK.
- › Providing relevant training for staff, as necessary, on supporting disadvantaged pupils and raising attainment

6.2 Governors

The governing board is responsible for:

- › Holding the headteacher to account for the implementation of this policy
- › Ensuring the school is using pupil premium funding appropriately, in line with the rules set out in the conditions of grant
- › Monitoring the attainment and progress of pupils eligible for the pupil premium, in conjunction with the headteacher, to assess the impact and effectiveness of the school's use of the funding
- › Monitoring whether the school is ensuring value for money in its use of the pupil premium
- › Challenging the headteacher to use the pupil premium in the most effective way
- › Setting the school's ethos and values around supporting disadvantaged members of the school community

6.3 Other school staff

All school staff are responsible for:

- › Implementing this policy on a day-to-day basis
- › Setting high expectations for all pupils, including those eligible for the pupil premium
- › Identifying pupils whose attainment is not improving in response to interventions funded by the pupil premium, and highlighting these individuals to the senior leadership team
- › Sharing insights into effective practice with other school staff

Virtual school heads are in charge of promoting the educational achievement of all the children looked after by the local authority they work for.

7. Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed bi-annually (or sooner if there is a change by the DfE) by the Deputy Headteacher. At every review, the policy will be shared with the governing board.