



Windsor Park CE Middle School

Pupil Premium and Pupil Premium Plus policy

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WINDSOR PARK CE MIDDLE SCHOOL

At Windsor Park CE Middle School, we believe that **all** our children have an equal entitlement, and should have an equal opportunity to:

- Build self-esteem and self confidence
- Develop imagination and creativity
- Acquire skills and abilities
- Have a love of learning

Pupil Premium Funding

The school receives funding from the Government to support it in trying to meet this aspiration. This is known as the Pupil Premium.

Pupil Premium is additional funding, from the government, provided to schools for supporting more pupils from low income families to ensure they benefit from the same opportunities as all other children in order to 'narrow the gap' in attainment. There are two categories of children that qualify:

- Children who are eligible for free school meals (FSM)
- Armed forces children

It is for schools to decide how the Pupil Premium is spent, since they are best placed to assess what additional provision should be made for the individual pupils for whom they are responsible.

The Pupil Premium is allocated to schools with pupils on roll in January that are known to have been eligible for free school meals (FSM) at any time in the last six years. Each of these pupils will attract approximately £900.

Schools have the freedom to spend Pupil Premium funding, which is additional to the underlying schools budget, in a way they think will best support the raising of attainment for the most vulnerable pupils.

All our staff and governors accept responsibility for 'socially disadvantaged' pupils and are committed to meeting their pastoral, social and academic needs within a caring

environment. The targeted and strategic use of pupil premium will support us in achieving our vision.

Pupil Premium Plus Funding

The Pupil Premium Plus is allocated to the Virtual Schools and can be applied for by schools with pupils on roll in January that are identified as LAC (Looked After Children). Each of these pupils is eligible to apply for funding of up to £500 each term (more in exceptional circumstances). How the grant is to be used must be clearly identified in each young person's Personal Education Plan [PEP] in consultation with the designated teacher and the social worker, plus contributions from the carer and other relevant professionals.

School Staff need to apply each term term for the funding potentially attached to each LAC pupil.

The application must state clearly how the money being applied for has been spent on that individual pupil, it is used to fund other projects or staffing.

Where a LAC pupil has benefitted from a whole school project or initiative, the total cost will be divided by the number of pupils involved, to arrive at the total which can be applied for using Pupil Premium Plus.

Where the full allocation is not shown to be used for that pupil's benefit the rest of the Pupil Premium Plus allocation will be retained by the Virtual School and allocated to other pupils.

If this money is not spent on the individual Looked After Child, the funding will not come to school.

~~Pupil Premium Plus funding is paid retrospectively, school must fund initially, then claim the monies back termly using the Pupil Premium Plus Provision Plan.~~

As a result of Pupil Premium Plus payments, Social Workers can no longer apply for PEA payments, these were used to fund items which parents would usually pay for which had educational purposes such as extra tuition, laptops, ipads etc.

Principles of Pupil Premium and Pupil Premium Plus

- We seek to ensure that teaching and learning opportunities meet the needs of all of the pupils;
- We seek to ensure that appropriate provision is made for pupils who belong to vulnerable groups, this includes ensuring that the needs of socially disadvantaged pupils are adequately 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 also recognise that not all pupils who are socially disadvantaged are registered or qualify for free school meals. We reserve the right to allocate the funding to support any pupil or groups of pupils the school has legitimately identified as being in need of intervention and support;
- Funding will be allocated following a needs analysis which will identify priority classes, groups or individuals.

Provision for Pupil Premium

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 practitioner focused on overcoming gaps in learning;
- Additional teaching and learning opportunities provided through learning mentors, trained TAs or external agencies;
- The majority of our work through the pupil premium will be aimed at accelerating progress moving children to at least age related expectations. Initially this will be in English and Maths;
- In addition, the school recognises that the wider curriculum supports and enriches children's development in English and Maths, and therefore funding will also be allocated to enable children to participate fully and actively in wider and extra-curricular activities.
- Funding will be used to support Pupil Premium pupils to attend one outdoor educational residential visit in Year 8 free of charge. Funding will also be used to support one educational residential visit in Years 5, 6 and 7 up to the value of £150 each year. Applications for additional funding will be considered by the local governing board on an individual basis.
- Provision will not be aimed at statemented children as funding for need is already in place.
- Each year all students may be invited to attend an end of year enriching activity. Pupil Premium children will be funded.
- I-Pads will not be funded. There will be opportunity to use i-Pads from the school i-Pads bank (at the teacher's discretion). Students will have access to IT in homework clubs.

Provision for Pupil Premium Plus

Our work through pupil premium plus will be aimed at the specific needs of the individual pupil, whether this be

- accelerating progress - moving children to at least age related expectations

or

- Social, helping them to become a resilient member of the community by providing them with opportunities to mix with their peers in a range of different situations.

How the grant is to be used must be clearly identified in each young person's Personal Education Plan [PEP] in consultation with the designated teacher and the social worker, plus contributions from the carer and other relevant professionals. Each expenditure must link to one of the Pupil's short or long term PEP objectives.

Uses may include:

- Providing 1-1 and small group work with an experienced practitioner focused on overcoming gaps in learning
- Additional teaching and learning opportunities provided through learning mentors, trained TAs or external agencies
- In addition, the school recognises that the wider curriculum supports and enriches children's development in English and Maths, and therefore funding will also be allocated to enable children to participate fully and actively in wider and extra-curricular activities.
- Priority will be given to academic progress, however, once funding has been allocated for academic purposes, any further available Pupil Premium Plus funding may be used to fund residential visits.
- Each year all students **may be invited to attend an end of year enriching activity. Pupil Premium Plus children will be funded.**
- Priority will be given to academic progress, however, once funding has been allocated for academic purposes, any further available Pupil Premium Plus funding may be used to provide technology or equipment as deemed necessary at the PEP meeting.

Reporting on Pupil Premium and Pupil Premium Plus

- It will be the responsibility of the Headteacher, or a delegated member of staff, to report on Pupil Premium to the Governors on:
 - the progress made towards narrowing the gap, for socially disadvantaged pupils;
 - an outline of the provision that was made since the last meeting;

- An evaluation of the cost effectiveness and impact of the provision in terms of the progress made by the pupils receiving a particular provision.

- The Head teacher will sign the proposed expenditure for the Pupil Premium Plus outlined in the termly Pupil Premium Plus Provision Plan and ensure that the Provision Plan is returned by the given date to the Virtual School Provision Plan inbox.
- The designated Teacher for Looked After Children will report annually to Governing Board on outcomes for Looked After Children and the use of Pupil Premium Plus.
- Parents will receive information as to the progress of pupils through personal information sent home on individual education plans and through reporting of assessment results throughout the year.
- The Governors of the school will ensure that there is an annual statement to parents on how the funding has been used to address the issue of 'narrowing the gap', for socially disadvantaged pupils. This task will be carried out within the requirements published by the Department for Education and will appear on our school website.