

Pupil Premium

Purpose

The Government believes that the Pupil Premium, which is additional to main school funding, is the best way to address the current underlying inequalities between children eligible for free school meals (FSM) and their wealthier peers by ensuring that funding to tackle disadvantage reaches the pupils who need it most.

The Pupil Premium is allocated to schools and it is for schools to decide how the Pupil Premium, allocated to schools per FSM pupil, is spent, based on the current needs of the pupils.

Schools are free to spend the Pupil Premium as they see fit. However they are held accountable for how they have used the additional funding to support pupils from low-income families. Schools are required to publish online information about how they have used the Premium.

Key facts

The Pupil Premium is allocated to children from low-income families who are currently known to be eligible for FSM in both mainstream and non-mainstream settings and children who have been looked after continuously for more than six months.

The level of the premium in 2011-12 is £488 per pupil for pupils eligible for free school meals (FSM) and for pupils in care who have been continuously looked after for six months. It will increase to £600 per pupil in 2012-13.

The Pupil Premium was introduced in April 2011, and paid to local authorities by means of a specific grant based on January 2011 school census figures for pupils registered as eligible for FSM in reception to Year 11. For looked after children the Pupil Premium was calculated using the Children looked after data returns (SSDA903).

Local authorities are responsible for looked after children in care and will make payments to schools and academies where an eligible looked after child is on roll.

The Government has decided that eligibility for the Pupil Premium in 2012-13 will be extended to pupils who have been eligible for free school meals (FSM) at any point in the last 6 years.

Pupil Premium at Oakwood Infant School

At Oakwood Infant School we use the money allocated through Pupil Premium to support pupils who eligible for Free School Meals. The school also allocates money to provide additional support to those families whose personal and/or financial circumstances means that their children may not be able to fully access the curriculum or activities offered by the school. This money is allocated by the school to fund:

- Special Educational Needs provision
- Emotional Literacy Support
- Intervention programmes for pupils vulnerable to underachievement
- School milk and fruit
- School trips and visits
- Curriculum enrichment events and activities
- After school clubs
- School uniform
- Extracurricular events

Pupil Premium allocation for Oakwood Infant School	2011-12	£7,632.
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Outcomes of pupils in receipt of Free School Meals

2011-12 Pupil achievement in reading, writing and mathematics is good or excellent taking account of pupil's starting points.