

The Pupil Premium Grant Information for Parents November 2024

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What is the Pupil Premium? The Pupil Premium was introduced in April 2011. It represents additional funding that the government gives to schools for each pupil considered to be 'disadvantaged'. The money must be spent on these pupils to support their education, but it is for the school to determine how it is spent.

Why does the Government provide a Pupil Premium? Poverty or low income is the single most important factor in predicting a child's future life chances, with many pupils in low-income families having low attainment by age 16. The Government believes that the Pupil Premium is the best way to address these underlying inequalities between children eligible for free school meals (FSM) and their peers by ensuring that funding to tackle disadvantage reaches the pupils who need it most.

How schools are held accountable: The Ofsted Inspection Framework ensures that inspectors look closely at the achievement of vulnerable pupils and in particular those who attract the Pupil Premium. They have published a series of reports about how the pupil premium can be spent. These can be found on their website at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pupil-premium>

Who receives the Pupil Premium? Pupil Premium is allocated to pupils in school year groups from Reception to Year 11 from low-income families who are registered for FSM, or who have been registered for FSM at any point in the last six years, together with children that have been in care continuously for 6 months or more. Adopted children who have been in care continuously for 6 months or more prior to adoption are also eligible, and there is also a sum allocated to pupils of families who serve in the Forces. Please see attached the link to the gov.uk website for further information: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pupil-premium/pupil-premium#pupil-eligibility-and-funding-rates-2022-to-2023>

How should schools spend the grant? Schools must spend the grant for the educational benefit of their eligible pupils to boost progress as reflected in

English and Maths results. The grant can be spent on services that benefit pupils at the school or their families, in the locality in which the school is situated. Pupil Premium grants can be carried forward to the next financial year if all the money is not spent in the year in which it is allocated.

What obligations are placed on the school? Schools need to monitor the impact of their selected approaches to improve provision for pupils entitled to the Pupil Premium. The Pupil Premium is not ring-fenced and schools are free to spend it as they wish to improve pupils' attainment.

How are parents informed about the use of the Pupil Premium grants? The school publishes information on the school website every year on Pupil Premium expenditure. For those parents that are not able to access the internet, a paper copy of this information can be provided on request. It details the funding received for the current academic year, as well as details of how it will be spent; there should also be details of how the previous academic year's allocation was spent. The Department for Education's performance tables detail the achievement of those pupils entitled to FSM and the Pupil Premium Grant(s). Individual pupils will never be identified through published information, this will only relate to groups of pupils, and in small schools, numbers may not be published. All parents of pupils entitled to this additional funding are entitled to know how it is being spent to enhance their child's progress. With this in mind they are encouraged to enquire directly with staff about the types of strategies being used to support the improved progress of their son/daughter in English and Maths.

Who should parents contact for further information? Contact the school office team if you would like to find out more about registering your child for free school meals. This information will be held confidentially by the school. Our reception team should also be able to direct you to any reports the school has produced relating to the use of the pupil premium. The Headteacher or the Chair of the Governing Body (on behalf of the governors) can offer further information to those parents enquiring about the use of the Pupil Premium. If you have any further questions, or wish to speak to the Headteacher specifically about your child's Pupil Premium Grant, please contact the school office to make an appointment.

Contact details: Please speak to the school office for further information.

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