

Total Amount Delegated to this school: 2018-2019

£12,077

PUPIL PREMIUM STATEMENT

What is it?

The Pupil Premium is additional funding given to schools for the specific purpose of boosting the attainment of disadvantaged pupils. This funding is usually provided for the following groups of learners:-

The Pupil Premium Grant per pupil for the year 2018/19 is as follows:

Primary Free School Meal Pupils (Inc. Ever 6)	£1,320
Secondary Free School Meal Pupils (Inc. Ever 6)	£935
Looked after children	£2,300
Children Adopted from Care under a Special Guardianship or Residence Order	£1,900
Service Children	£300

Why has it been introduced?

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 groups of disadvantaged children (including those eligible for a Free School Meal) and their peers by ensuring that funding reaches the pupils who need it most. The money is therefore aimed at closing the gap between children considered to be in disadvantaged groups when compared to others. Whilst schools are free to spend the Pupil Premium as they see fit, it can only be spent on those identified children to improve academic outcomes. We are required to publish online information about how we have used the Pupil Premium.

How much Pupil Premium funding does our school get?

This year we have been given pupil premium money for those learners who have been in receipt of free school meals in Nottinghamshire. We do not automatically get Pupil Premium from other local authorities that commission our services. We do, however, receive Pupil Premium for learners who are Looked After by the Local Authority or who have been in the Care system for at least 6 months prior to being adopted. This money is paid retrospectively by local authorities when we request the funding.

Breakdown of Investment (or Intended Investment) and Intended Outcomes

The unique nature of our school means that our Pupil Premium is often used differently than in mainstream schools. Our Pupil Premium is spent on more unique ways of improving life chances for this group of learners.

Barrier to learning often experienced by our learners.

All of our learners have been referred to R.E.A.L Alternative Provision School as other schools and provisions have not worked for them. Often learners come with a variety of issues that create a barrier to their learning. The most common of these being:

- Anxiety related issues
- Medical issues
- Low self-esteem
- Behaviour issues connected with peer groups either in school or, more commonly, out of school
- Drug and alcohol related issues
- Bereavement and other personal issues

Many of these issues lead to a lack of self-believe, a lack of engagement and a lower attendance percentage. Our interventions are often very bespoke and cater for the individual needs of each learner.

In 2018-19 the money received has been used for the following:

Support for LAC Learners on our Alternative Provision School Roll (Total payment £2,300)

Pupil Premium for this group of learners is often used in a very bespoke and creative way. This year money has been used in the following way:

- For a Learner to continue accessing Derbyshire Eco Centre, as agreed when they enrolled with RAPS, this has allowed them to develop their own practice as a crafts person and to be able to focus on their work and projects.

Support for learners who have been in receipt of Free School Meals (Total payment £12,077)

- £3200 is being used for funding for specialist literacy interventions
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- £3200 is being used for funding specialist maths packages
- £380 is being used towards breakfasts for those learners who find it difficult to engage without eating first - particularly for learners on medication
- £600 is being used to support learners with trips to the theatre and other places of interest to support understanding of books read in lessons, support social skills, improve motivation and increase aspirations - recording in the REAL Life Planner.
- £500 is being used to resource and increase the Workskills programme.
- £697 is being used to purchase a laptop for a students use at home and school.
- £500 is ring fenced for guest speakers and visiting drama groups.
- £2000 is ring fenced for additional transport to venues
- £1000 to be ring fenced to allow learners to access summer activities

Monitoring of outcomes

Outcomes will be monitored throughout the academic year to ensure learners are on track to achieve them. Adjustments to programmes will be made where necessary. We will measure our outcomes fully at the end of each academic year and compare outcomes with those not entitled to pupil premium in order to monitor and reduce any gap. Data gathered to monitor outcomes will include attendance figures, our REAL Engagement tracking system, our Well-being Tracking system, National Curriculum levels and REAL Life PLanner.