

Pupil Premium and Pupil Premium Plus Policy for St. Bridget's C of E Primary

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 peers, by ensuring that funding to tackle disadvantage reaches the pupils who need it most.

From 2012-2013, it has been expanded to include all children who have been eligible for FSM within the last 6 years.

Additional funding has also been identified for service children and adopted children (PPP). This additional funding will be used following the same principles laid out in this policy.

Accountability

The Government believes that head teachers and school leaders should decide how to use the Pupil Premium. They are held accountable for the decisions they make through:

- The performance tables, which show the performance of disadvantaged pupils compared with their peers
- The new Ofsted inspection framework, under which inspectors focus on the attainment of pupil groups, in particular those who attract the Pupil Premium
- The new reports for parents that schools now have to publish online

Funding

In most cases the Pupil Premium is paid direct to schools, allocated to them for every pupil who receives free school meals. Schools decide how to use the funding, as they are best placed to assess what additional provision their pupils need.

The Pupil Premium is additional funding given to schools so that they can support their disadvantaged pupils and close the attainment gap between them and their peers.

Guiding principles for the allocation of resources at St Bridget's

1. We ensure that teaching and learning opportunities meet the needs of all of the pupils
2. Allocation of funding will, in the first instance, be targeted towards raising the achievement of children on Pupil Premium.
3. We, however, reserve the right to allocate Pupil Premium funding to support any pupil or groups of pupils the school has identified as being in need of intervention and support.
4. Pupil Premium funding will be allocated following an analysis which will identify priority classes, groups or individuals. This means that not all children receiving free school meals will be in receipt of Pupil Premium interventions at one time.

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