



# Waverton Primary School

Learning Together; Achieving Together

## PUPIL PREMIUM POLICY

### Intent

Waverton Community Primary School values the abilities and achievements of all its pupils and is committed to providing, for each pupil, the best possible environment for learning. We aim to make effective use of the pupil premium grant by creating a curriculum and environment in which all children, including the most disadvantaged and the highly gifted are regarded as unique individuals and receive both challenge and support designed to meet their needs.

### Background and legal context

- Pupil premium is government funding to improve educational outcomes for disadvantaged pupils in state-funded schools in England. The grant also provides support for children and young people with parents in the regular armed forces, referred to as service pupil premium (SPP).
- Pupil premium funding is allocated to eligible schools based on the number of:
  - pupils who are recorded as eligible for free school meals, or have been recorded as eligible in the past 6 years (referred to as Ever 6 FSM)
  - children previously looked after by a local authority or other state care, including children adopted from state care or equivalent from outside England and Wales
- Pupil premium is not a personal budget for individual pupils, and schools do not have to spend pupil premium so that it solely benefits pupils who meet the funding criteria. It can be used:
  - to support other pupils with identified needs, such as those who have or have had a social worker, or who act as a carer
  - for whole class interventions which will also benefit non-disadvantaged pupils
- Pupil premium funding is allocated to local authorities based on the number of:
  - looked-after children, supported by the local authority
  - pupils who meet any of the eligibility criteria and who attend an independent setting, where the local authority pays full tuition fees
- For pupils who are looked-after children, funding should be managed by the local authority's virtual school head (VSH) in consultation with the child's school.
- This fixed amount of money is expected to increase every year for the course of this current Parliament.
- Schools are free to spend the Pupil Premium as they see fit. However, they will be held accountable for how they have used the additional funding to support pupils from low-income families.
- From September 2012, schools were required to publish online information about how they have used the Premium. This will ensure that parents and others are made fully aware of the attainment of pupils covered by the Premium.

## Funding rates for the 2024 to 2025 financial year

This table shows how the pupil premium grant is allocated to schools and local authorities in the 2024 to 2025 financial year, based on per pupil rates.

Funding criteria	Amount of funding for each primary-aged pupil per year	Amount of funding for each secondary-aged pupil per year	Funding is paid to
Pupils who are eligible for free school meals, or have been eligible in the past 6 years	£ 1,480	£ 1,050	School
Pupils previously looked after by a local authority or other state care	£ 2,570	£ 2,570	School
Children who are looked after by the local authority	£ 2,570	£ 2,570	Local authority

### Implementation

- At Waverton Community Primary we will be using the indicator of those eligible for FSM as well as identified vulnerable groups as our target children to 'close the gap' regarding attainment. Expectations are high for all pupil groups and individuals. We do not equate deprivation and challenge with low ability.
- Not all pupils who qualify for FSM are disadvantaged and not all disadvantaged pupils qualify or are registered for FSM. We therefore focus on the needs and levels of progress of all pupils.
- All staff are aware of areas for development in the school in terms of subjects, year groups and they know which children are focus/ target children.
- Money has been ring-fenced and is used to benefit all pupil premium children and supports higher as well as lower ability children by extending provision on offer.
- At Waverton Community Primary we plan our spending carefully to ensure that it has been spent to maximum effect. Informed decisions about our spending are made according to self-evaluation, making use of our data, gaps in achievement and current research.

## **Roles and Responsibilities**

- At Waverton Community Primary School the Head Teacher retains overall responsibility for leading the pupil premium strategy.
- We have established clear lines of responsibility with a member of the senior leadership team and a link governor taking responsibility for Pupil Premium.
- An impact report will be produced showing progress made by Pupil Premium pupils and next steps.
- Subject leaders and all staff are expected to have an in-depth knowledge of all the pupils they teach and support, especially pupils with disabilities and special educational needs and those who qualify for additional funding through pupil premium grant.

## **Impact**

- The implementation of the Pupil Premium strategy will be evaluated yearly, and monitored termly.
- Resources will be purchased and appointments made so that actions can be implemented.
- Through effective CPD, skills and expertise of all staff will be enhanced.
- Impact will be measured through book scrutiny, monitoring of teaching and learning, use of our data and discussions with pupils. In the long term the progress gap will be monitored and the impact of the effectiveness of our Pupil Premium strategy measured.

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