



## **Pupil Premium**

### **Background to Pupil Premium Funding**

- The pupil premium is a government initiative that targets extra money at pupils from deprived backgrounds.
- Research shows that pupils from deprived backgrounds underachieve compared to their non-deprived peers.
- The premium is provided to enable these pupils to be supported to reach their potential.
- The Government has used pupils entitled to free school meals (FSM), looked after children, adopted from care and service children as indicators of deprivation, and have provided a fixed amount of money for schools per pupil based on the number of pupils registered for FSM over a rolling six year period.
- This fixed amount of money is expected to increase every year for the course of this current Parliament.
- It is for schools to decide how the Pupil Premium is spent, since they are best placed to assess what additional provision should be made for the individual pupils within their responsibility.
- 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.

### **Our Approach at Waverton Community Primary**

- 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 socially disadvantaged and not all socially 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, current research and trialling.