

Pupil Premium

What is Pupil Premium?

How is the money spent?



The pupil premium is a sum of money given to schools each year by the Government for specific purposes of improving attainment and progress of disadvantaged pupils. Funding is based on children who are registered for a free school meal at any point in the last six years, children that are in care or adopted or children whose parents are currently serving in the armed forces. Pupils who are entitled to any form of Pupil Premium should not be easily identifiable in school, we hope to support integration within our school community and beyond.

How much money do schools get?



Primary schools are given a pupil premium for:

- Children in Reception to Year 6 who are, or have ever been, entitled to free school meals based on their family income: £1320 per pupil, per school year.
- Children in care: £2300 per pupil, per school year.
- Children previously in care who have been adopted, or who have a special guardianship order, a child arrangements order or a residence order: £2300 per pupil, per school year.
- Children recorded as being from service families: £300 per pupil, per school year.

Spending Pupil Premium

Schools can choose how to spend their pupil premium money, as they are best placed to identify what would be of most benefit to the children who are eligible.

Often, all of the children in a class will reap some benefit from how the school spends its pupil premium: for example, if the money is used to fund an additional teaching assistant who works across a whole class.

Research shows that the fund does help to narrow gaps between disadvantaged children and their peers, particularly in English and maths.

There is no obligation for school to consult you about how they use the money they claim for your child, although some schools may involve parents.

However, schools do have to show that they are using their pupil premium fund appropriately. This is measured through Ofsted inspections and annual performance tables showing the progress made by children who are eligible for pupil premium. In addition, they have to publish details online, including how much money they have been allocated, how they intend to spend it, how it made a difference to the attainment of disadvantaged pupils.

How do schools spend the money?



At Michael Syddall School We Spend Our Pupil Premium On..

Employing extra teaching assistants to work in classes.

High staff/pupil ratio.

Hangout – this is subsidised by Pupil Premium to keep costs to minimum for all parents.

Reducing the price of trips/visits.

Subsidised after school clubs.

Investing in resources that boost children's learning, such as laptops or tablets and intervention support for groups/individuals.

Training of staff – for example all staff trained in Emotional First Aid so they can identify pupils who are perhaps struggling and need additional emotional support.



Resources for groups/individuals – for example in 2018/2019 some Y5/6 pupils accessed 1 to 1 online tuition through Third Space Maths.

Employ a teaching assistant and one of her responsibilities is Syddall Soldiers, to provide pastoral support especially during lunch times, if and when pupils require it.

Investment in assessment tools to ensure we can track pupils as soon as they enter our school and we can tailor learning for their individual needs.

For more detailed information, please check our website, if you have any suggestions please let us know!

My suggestion is.....

