



Pupil Premium

What is the Pupil Premium?

The Pupil Premium grant is additional funding that is given to publicly funded schools in England to raise the attainment of disadvantaged pupils and close the gap between them and their peers. For pupils in residential schools such as St John's, the pupil premium award is issued to the pupil's home local authority, which is then responsible for passing this on to the school. The school does not necessarily know that a pupil is eligible for free school meals (and therefore pupil premium), so parents / carers are encouraged to contact the school if they believe that this is applicable to them.

Pupil Premium 2017-18

For the financial year 2017-18 the following funding for each child registered as eligible for free school meals was payable:

- £1320 for primary aged pupils
- £935 for secondary aged pupils

Schools should also have received £1900 for each pupil who:

- Has been looked after for 1 day or more
- Has been adopted from care
- Has left care under:
 - A special guardianship order
 - A residence order
 - A child arrangement order

Schools should also have received £300 for each pupil with a parent / parents in the armed forces

In 2017-18 information received from Local Authorities indicated that 11 pupils were eligible for the pupil premium and that the grant received should have been £9,955 in total. The amount received up until the end of the academic year was £3,823. This is due in part to late payment of the pupil premium and to several Local Authorities stating that the allocation was included within the fees. As the school has not been able to rely on payment of the PPF, interventions to support disadvantaged pupils and enable them to close the gap with their peers have been funded by the school from its annual budget.

For the academic year 2017-18, these interventions have helped some pupils to develop their literacy skills and have helped to develop their emotional resilience. Pupils have received 1:1 literacy sessions with specialist staff, and individual pastoral programmes have been implemented to support vulnerable learners.

Pupil Premium Strategy 2018-19

At this stage we have not had information from the Department for Education regarding our pupil premium entitlement for 2018-19.

Eligible pupils face barriers to learning which restrict their life experiences, and consequently their language and literacy acquisition. In order to overcome these barriers, personalised learning programmes will be implemented that include: individual language and literacy interventions; supported study/homework sessions scheduled during the school day; and skills for life programmes focussing on experience within the community and preparation for work. These approaches will widen the life experiences of pupils, enabling them to better engage with the community and will also provide necessary opportunities, support and equipment to optimise their language and literacy learning. Other eligible pupils experience social and emotional difficulties and have fragile self-esteem. They will continue to receive individual pastoral support programmes to build on the work begun last year and to continue to develop self-help strategies.

As in previous years, these interventions will be funded by the school from its annual budget. Progress, both academically and also in terms of personal development will be measured through formal assessment each term. Pupil progress reviews and personal development reviews are completed termly by the multi-disciplinary team working with each pupil. Objective evidence for the quality of progress is considered alongside the effectiveness of interventions and in the context of contributory factors.

Review date for pupil premium strategy: September 2019