



Ponteland Community Middle School

Pupil Premium Policy 2017/18

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Information about the Pupil Premium annual statement can be found on the school website.

Principles

- We ensure that teaching and learning opportunities meet the needs of all the pupils.
- We ensure that appropriate provision is made for pupils who belong to vulnerable groups. This includes ensuring that the needs of socially disadvantaged pupils are adequately assessed and addressed.
- In making provision for socially disadvantaged pupils, we recognise that not all pupils who receive free school meals will be socially disadvantaged.
- We also recognise that not all pupils who are socially disadvantaged are registered or qualify for free school meals. We reserve the right to allocate the Pupil Premium funding to support any pupil or groups of pupils the school has legitimately identified as being in need of intervention or support.
- Pupil Premium funding will be allocated following a needs' analysis which will prioritise classes, groups or individuals.

Pupil Premium Expenditure

Pupil premium is used in a number of ways to support the varied needs of individuals. This will obviously change depending on the needs of the students. Our present cohort receive the following interventions:

- Reduced class sizes thus improving opportunities for effective teaching and accelerating progress.
- Increased investment in the teaching assistant team; skills, training and expertise
- Small group work with an experienced teacher focused on reducing gaps in learning.
- Additional teaching and learning opportunities provided through intervention groups for specific needs
- Assistance with the cost of curriculum activities such as swimming lessons and/or a contribution towards music fees.
- Home School Links
- Reading schemes
- Opportunities to complete homework
- Peer mediation

- Enrichment Activities
- Mentoring
- EWO support
- Partnership Collaboration
- Personalised Curriculum Programme
- Intervention programmes
- Online resources
- Technology and digital learning resources
- Booster/catch up programmes – Literacy and numeracy
- Transition
- Lunchtimes clubs
- Alternative curriculum
- 5 Qualified Thrive practitioners and whole school Thrive approach to children wellbeing and mental health.

Reporting to parents/carers

Parent/carer consultations are held to discuss children's work and progress, and to share targets for future learning that have been agreed with their child. Written reports are sent to parents during the winter and summer term containing subject, academic and pastoral information. We also use informal methods of communication to report achievements. Parents are encouraged to come into school to discuss any concerns throughout the year so issues can be resolved early.

Details of the progress and attainment of pupils at this school, including comparisons between Pupil Premium and non-pupil premium children, can be found on the school's website.

Reporting to Governors

The Head Teacher is responsible for reporting to governors details of Pupil Premium income and expenditure and publishing information on the school website for parents/carers.

Information for Parents

If you think your circumstances may qualify your child for the funding, the school may be able to claim pupil premium and use these additional funds to further help your child's learning in school. Please refer to websites below for further information:

<http://www.education.gov.uk/cgi-bin/schools/performance/school.pl?urn=122297&superview=pri&qtype=LA>

<http://www.education.gov.uk/schools/pupilsupport/premium>

<http://www.education.gov.uk/schools/pupilsupport/premium/a0076062/disadvantaged-pupils>

Parents will be encouraged to share relevant information regarding their child's entitlement to Pupil Premium when completing admission forms, and also when updating their child's contact/information details.

Free School Meal Information

Please either contact the school office for confidential advice and assistance or use the website link below:

<http://forms.northumberland.gov.uk/AF3/an/default.aspx/RenderForm/?F.Name=NrkoJMcNAw>

Please note, even if you do not wish your child to take their free school meal, the Pupil Premium grant is awarded following a successful application. Therefore families who are entitled to free school meals are urged to apply, even if they wish to send their child into school with a packed lunch.

Looked After Children and Adopted Children

The eligibility of Pupil Premium funding has now been extended to include those who have been looked after for one day or more by the local authority, and also children who have been adopted from care or leave care under a special guardianship or residence order. This change recognises that the needs of those children who leave care do not change overnight. The additional funding allows us to offer increased pastoral care as well as raising pupil attainment.

Whilst we recognise that these issues are sensitive, please rest assured you can talk to the school office in confidence if you wish to discuss your child's entitlement to Pupil Premium based on care arrangements or adoption.

Service Children

Children with parents in the armed forces are supported through the service child premium. The service child premium supports the education of children with parents who are currently in the armed forces, or have been a member within the last three years. It also supports children of a parent/parents who were killed in action.

Please let the school office know if your child qualifies for this funding.

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