

## Pupil Premium Policy

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In Stanley Grove Academy, we believe that all our children have an equal entitlement, and should have an equal opportunity to:

- Develop imagination and creativity
- Be numerate and literate
- Have a love of learning

The school receives funding from the Government to support it in trying to meet this aspiration for all pupils. This is known as the Pupil Premium.

Pupil premium is additional funding, from the government, provided to schools for supporting pupils who are eligible for the pupil premium grant. The aim is that it raises the attainment for these pupils so attainment is in line with their peers and ensures they benefit and have access to the same opportunities as all other pupils.

The Pupil Premium Grant is available for the following pupils in school:

- Children who are eligible for free school meals (FSM) now or during the last 6
  years.
- Looked after children
- Children adopted from care under the Adoption and Children Act 2002 and children who have left care under a Special Guardianship or Residence Order
- Pupils in Year Groups R to 11 recorded as Ever 4 Service Child or in receipt of a child pension from the Ministry of Defence.

It is for school 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 for whom they are responsible. Schools have the freedom to spend the Premium, which is additional to the underlying schools budget, in a way they think will best support the raising of attainment for these pupils.

We will publish on our website the amount of children who are eligible for pupil premium funding, the amount of funding and how it is used. The impact of this is shared with governors and also published on our school website. This information is always anonymous in order to protect the child and families.

All our staff and governors accept responsibility for all pupils and are committed to meeting their pastoral, social and academic needs within a caring environment. The targeted and strategic use of pupil premium funding will support us in achieving our vision.

## **Principles**

- We seek to ensure that teaching and learning opportunities meet the needs of all of the pupils;
- We seek to 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 pupil premium 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 and support;
- Pupil premium funding will be allocated following a needs analysis which will identify priority classes, groups or individuals.

## Reporting

It will be the responsibility of the Headteacher, or a delegated member of staff, to report to the Governors on:

- the progress made towards diminishing the difference, for socially disadvantaged pupils;
- an outline of the provision that was made since the last meeting;
- an evaluation of the cost effectiveness and impact of the provision in terms of the progress made by the pupils receiving a particular provision.

Parents will receive information as to the progress of pupils through personal information sent home on learning plans and/or through reporting of assessment results at the end of the academic year, as well as termly reports.

We have an identified governor who is responsible for the tracking/monitoring of pupil premium pupils in school.

The school will publish a Pupil Premium Strategy statement each year to include details of the identified barriers to learning and planned expenditure for the year based on the needs of the PP children in school as well as an evaluation of the impact this has on PP attainment. This is in line with the DfE recommendations for best practise in schools.

Please see our Pupil Premium section on our website evidencing our spending and impact.