



PUPIL PREMIUM GRANT POLICY

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1. Context

- 1.1. The Pupil Premium Grant (PPG) is designed to tackle the achievement gap between students from low-income families and their peers. After prior attainment, poverty is the single most important factor in predicting a child's future life chances.
- 1.2. -The Pupil Premium Grant is additional to main school funding and is designed to address the underlying attainment inequalities between children eligible for free school meals and those from wealthier backgrounds.
- 1.3. The Government annually allocates money to schools based on the number of students receiving free school meals with a six-year date range (Ever 6 FSM). The money is not ring fenced but should be used to improve outcomes for those children. This is an allocation of £1,035 per student. There are also allocations for Looked After Children (£2,530), children who have ceased to be looked after by a local authority in England and Wales because of adoption, a special guardianship order, a child arrangements order or a residence order (£2,530) and a grant for Service Personnel Children (£335).
- 1.4. The Service Pupil Premium (SPP) helps schools to support the unique challenges often faced by children with parents in the armed forces can often face. It is designed to assist the school to provide mainly non-educational support (known as pastoral care) and is for children, up to Year 11, of currently serving, regular Service Personnel. SPP is also for children with a Service parent who has died in service, or has left, including through injury, for up to a maximum of six years. A child must live with their Service parent to be eligible for the SPP. A child where the Service parent is the main carer, even if they are not biologically their child, is also eligible.
- 1.5. Service children change schools much more frequently than their civilian peers. This can generate additional administrative or curriculum demands on schools, particularly if the children have to follow a different curriculum at the new school. In addition, when a Service parent is deployed on operations, children are often in need of additional pastoral support and nurturing at school, which the additional resources can help to provide. The needs of

each service child will be considered individually to assess whether SPP can be used to provide additional support to meet these challenges.

- 1.6. All schools are free to spend the Pupil Premium Grant as they see fit, but will be held accountable for how they have used the additional funding by measures in the performance tables.
- 1.7. Evidence shows that the most effective schools narrow the achievement gap through a combination of high-quality teaching, strong leadership, a relevant and coherent curriculum, a culture of high expectations, high attendance levels, targeted intervention and enrichment activities.
- 1.8. The decisions the Headteacher makes on how to use the funding to improve the progress and attainment of the eligible students will be based on guidance provided by educational research as well as our analysis of the specific needs of our school and wider community.

In line with the School Information (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2012, Schedule 4 there is specified information which has to be published on a school's website. Section 9 of this regulation requires schools to publish on their website 'The amount of the school's allocation from the Pupil Premium grant in respect of the current academic year; details of how it is intended that the allocation will be spent; details of how the previous academic year's allocation was spent, and the effect of this expenditure on the educational attainment of those students at the school in respect of whom grant funding was allocated'.

2. Aims

- 2.1. We will ensure that the funding reaches the groups of students for whom it is intended.
- 2.2. We will ensure that this funding has significant impact on their education and their life chances.
- 2.3. We will ensure that the funding is used to provide targeted support in order to improve progress and attainment.
- 2.4. We will aim to continue to close the gap in achievement between these students and their peers.
- 2.5. We will use the additional funding to address any underlying inequalities between these students and their peers.

3. Procedures

- 3.1. The Pupil Premium Grant will be clearly identifiable within the budget.
- 3.2. The Governors delegate to the Headteacher the authority to decide how the grant is spent for the benefit of the entitled students.
- 3.3. Funding will be allocated by making use of robust and frequent tracking of attainment, pastoral and attendance data. The main barriers to learning for disadvantaged students at Oldfield School are associated with poor attendance and low aspirations. The main effort for

the school will be focused on addressing these barriers so that students can access the high-quality teaching and learning at the school.

- 3.4. In our reporting of how we have used the Pupil Premium we will be transparent, so that our parents, interested stakeholders and Ofsted are fully aware of how this additional resource has been used to make a difference.
- 3.5. We will encourage the take up of FSM by working proactively with our parents and carers in a sensitive and supportive manner to remove any potential barriers or stigma attached to claiming FSM. In doing so, we also recognise the vital role that parents and carers play in the lives of their children.
- 3.6. We will recognise the fact that pupil premium students are not a homogeneous group and cover a wide range of needs. As such the strategies we use to raise attainment will take these group and individual needs fully into account.
- 3.7. Where need is identified funding may be allocated to support individuals.
- 3.8. The funding will be used in a way that primarily benefits eligible students, but where benefit is accrued for other students, this will be viewed as a positive advantage.
- 3.9. All teaching should be of the highest standard, ensuring that all students have equal opportunity with regards to accessing high quality teaching and learning.
- 3.10. All teaching colleagues will have access to accurate data and information that enables them to support the eligible students effectively in lessons, tutor groups, Learning Areas and Year groups.
- 3.11. The funding will be used across all year groups not just those taking examinations at the end of the year. It will also be used to enrich the experience of students to raise aspirations and educate the whole child including careers interviews for all eligible students when appropriate.
- 3.12. We will ensure that access to enrichment programmes will be prioritised for entitled students.
- 3.13. We will continuously track the impact of the strategies put into place through the funding to ensure that we can show that value has been added to the education of the entitled students.
- 3.14. We will continuously seek to improve the quality of the strategies put into place.
- 3.15. We will continuously research developments at both a local and national level, seeking to understand and gain from the most effective practice.

4. Roles and Responsibilities

- 4.1. We expect all members of our school community, particularly staff and governors to be committed to raising standards and narrowing the attainment gaps for our pupils.
- 4.2. The Headteacher and Senior Leadership Team

- The Head and the Senior Leadership Team are responsible for implementing this policy. They will ensure that all staff are aware of their responsibilities in narrowing the attainment gaps of our students. They will also ensure that staff are given appropriate support and relevant professional development opportunities to accelerate pupil progress and attainment.
- The key contact in school with regard to pupil premium is Hannah Fleming, Assistant Headteacher (enquiries@oldfieldschool.com).

4.3. Teaching and Support Staff will:

- ensure that they are aware of who pupil premium students are in their teaching groups.
- maintain the highest expectations of all pupils and not equate disadvantage of circumstance with 'low ability'.
- closely monitor the progress being made by pupil premium students.
- closely monitor the attendance of pupil premium students.
- promote an inclusive and collaborative ethos in their classrooms which enable pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds to thrive.
- plan and deliver lessons to a high standard and support the acceleration of progress in learning, so that attainment gaps can be narrowed and improvements maintained.
- use whole school reading and literacy strategies to support reading for all in their subject.
- support disadvantaged groups of students in their class through scaffolding, adapting their teaching and teaching, especially for those who find aspects of learning difficult and are in danger of falling behind.
- keep up to date with teaching strategies and research, which have proven track record in narrowing the gaps in attainment and achievement.

4.4. We will provide opportunities for staff to engage in a range of professional development opportunities suited to their needs and role. This will support them in implementing successful strategies to accelerate progress of students and narrow the gaps.

4.5. Governing body

- Our governing body has an important role in ensuring our school complies with legislation and that this policy, along with its specific stated actions for narrowing the gaps is implemented and monitored by the Governors Curriculum Committee. Our governing body will keep our work in narrowing the gaps under review so that they can monitor the use of the Pupil Premium. In monitoring and evaluating the work of the school in relation to the Pupil Premium, the governing body will take into account a range of information, including quantitative (data on progress and attainment) and qualitative (case studies, views, surveys etc.) data as evidence of impact.
- At the start of the academic year, our Governors will ensure that there is an annual statement for parents on how the Pupil Premium funding has been used to address the issue of narrowing the gaps in our school and the impact this has had in the previous academic year.

5. Monitoring, Evaluation and Review

5.1. The Assistant Headteacher: Pastoral will report to the Governing Body on how effective the interventions have been in achieving their aims.

- 5.2. The school will publish data on achievement on its website annually, comparing the outcomes of eligible students with the remainder of the cohort.
- 5.3. The school will publish on its website, details of how the allocated funding has been spent annually, and an evaluation of the impact of the expenditure.
- 5.4. The school will produce and publish a Pupil Premium Strategy that will outline the school's priorities and planning. It will provide an overview of the current strategy for improving the attainment of disadvantaged students, including how the school intends to use the pupil premium (and recovery premium) funding and the outcomes achieved in the previous academic year.
- 5.5. The policy will be shared with staff through the staff handbook and as part of induction for new staff. We will also use other methods and occasions such as parents' evenings and assemblies, as appropriate to share information about the Pupil Premium.
- 5.6. There will be a regular review of the learning experience for students in receipt of PPG within the usual monitoring and evaluation cycle.