

THE HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL
Pupil Premium Funding and Strategy
2018-19



Pupil premium funding, which is additional to the main school funding, is allocated to all schools, both maintained and academies, to address inequalities between children eligible for free school meals (FSM) and those children who are not, in order to close the gap between them.

Entitlement and Use

Schools are currently given Pupil Premium funding of £1,320 per pupil for those whose families have registered for Free School Meals (FSM) or who have been registered for FSM at any point during the past 6 years. The members of the armed forces are also entitled to £300 per pupil. In addition, schools receive £1,900 for each pupil who is looked after or who has been adopted from care.

The key purpose of the Pupil Premium funding is to enable all pupils to reach their full potential. Each school may decide how best to use the funding to enable all its pupils to reach age related expectations and they are held accountable for how it has been used to support pupils from low income families.

We recognise that barriers to achievement take a variety of forms and will do whatever it takes to support a child, both in and out of the classroom. We use all our resources to ensure that every child has an equal opportunity to reach their full potential. In order to achieve this, we offer our children a wide range of opportunities and make sure that these are accessible for everyone. We work with our families and colleagues to make certain that everyone has high aspirations for all pupils. We also ensure pupil premium children are represented in pupil voice committees, eg School Council.

If you are unsure whether or not your child is eligible for pupil premium funding, the process for applying is straightforward and confidential. You can speak to a member of the office staff, who will be able to assist you through this process. All enquiries will be treated in confidence.

KS1 and Free School Meals

Since September 2014 all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have automatically been entitled to a free school lunch. However, registering for free meals could raise an extra £1,300 for equipment, resources and activities to the benefit of all children. Being in receipt of the pupil premium fund could also help with the cost of school visits and extra-curricular clubs.

At The Heights Primary School, we have high aspirations for all. The aim of spending the Pupil Premium Grant (PPG) at The Heights Primary School is:

- To remove barriers to achievement by supporting pupils both in and out of the classroom.
- To facilitate/enable all pupils to make good progress through EYFS, KS1 and KS2, achieving national expectations by the end of the Key Stages.
- For disadvantaged pupils to attain the school's attendance target of 96.8%.
- To close any progress and attainment gap between pupils eligible for PPG in all areas of learning.

Pupil Premium for 2018-19

Total Pupils on Roll	278
Amount of PPG received to-date (Nov'18)	£5750

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The Headteacher, Karen Edwards met and had conversations with parents of pupils eligible for Pupil Premium and their class teachers at the beginning of the school year in September 2018 to discuss how the funding could best be spent to benefit their children and remove any barriers to achievement.

Following these meetings, it has been agreed that aside from the spend on school dinners the funding will be used in the following ways:

- To further develop and boost children's reading, writing and maths skills and knowledge through (1) 1:1 and small group interventions in school.
- To pay for Energy Kidz (Breakfast and After School Club) sessions
- To develop music skills of pupils with music lessons and a Junior and Senior Choir
- To help develop pupils' maths skills and their knowledge and understanding by purchasing maths resources including counters, board games and flipcharts
- To give pupils curricular enriching experiences including:
 - Living Eggs programme
 - Christmas Pantomime
 - Trips to Winchester Science Museum and Planetarium, Marwell Zoo, World Book Day, Lepe Country Park, Dance Workshops, Windsor Castle, Longridge Activity Centre, Fishbourne Roman Palace.
 - To purchase books for children to read and enjoy at home
- To pay for Cool Milk
- To pay for individual children's swimming lessons
- To support pupils' emotional well-being through Play Therapy and Canine Assisted Learning sessions
- To pay for after school modern foreign language lessons (French, Spanish and Chinese)

We report progress to parents in the following ways:

- The parents have Parent Portals for our Learning Ladders Assessment Programme (Ladders at Home and EEXAT)
- The school holds 2 formal parent consultation meetings each year
November – progress and attainment discussed and target documents shared
March – progress and attainment discussed and target documents shared
An annual report is sent to parents which details attainment and achievement in Reading, Writing, Maths and Science (against the end of year group expectations)
- We have an open door policy and parents are welcome to make appointments to speak to teachers at any time or can speak to them informally when collecting children from school as the teachers are on door and gate duty
- Parents of Foundation Stage pupils deliver children to the classrooms so that there is a chance for a brief informal chat in the mornings
- Parents of children on the Special Educational Needs (SEND) register have regular appointments with the SEND Coordinator (SENCO) in addition to the above

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Pupil Premium for 2017-18

Total Pupils on Roll	224
Amount of PPG received by end July 2018	£13,450

Pupil Premium funding for 2017-18 was spent on the following:

- Wrap Around/After Care (Energy Kidz)
- Play Therapy
- Choir
- French Club
- Time of a TA to deliver small group and 1:1 interventions for Writing and Maths.
- Subsidised extra-curricular clubs and activities both in and outside of school such as Dance, Swimming, Multi-Skills, Football and Tag Rugby to further increase participation, inclusion and engagement
- Educational trips and visits (including Christmas Pantomime and Residentials)

The progress of a very large majority of pupils eligible for funding is excellent and the attainment of the majority is in line with non-Pupil Premium pupils in school and above the National Average of non-Pupil Premium pupils.