



Pupil Premium Policy

WHY?

At Paganel Primary School we know that every child is unique; this is reflected in the desire, commitment and aspirations of our school staff to address and overcome socio-economic factors – or any other external factor – which may hinder pupil progress and attainment, and ultimately affect their life chances.

The school recognises that not all pupils who are eligible for pupil premium are underachieving, while some pupils may be underachieving and not eligible for pupil premium funding. It is Paganel school policy to plan, adapt and prepare for any individual, or group, in which any area of under-performance is evident. The school does not use this policy to displace current strategies to intervene and support its pupils. Some pupils may be achieving well, but will be entitled to funding to enhance their future educational aspirations and achievements.

WHAT?

Pupil Premium funding is additional funding given to individual schools to raise the attainment and progress of disadvantaged pupils and to close the achievement gap between them and their peers, including non-disadvantaged pupils nationally. Funding is based on the number of pupils who are eligible for free school meals at any point in the last six years. Looked After Children (LAC) and Post Looked After children are also eligible (known as Pupil Premium +).

The Pupil Premium is a government initiative that targets extra money at pupils from deprived backgrounds. Research shows that pupils from deprived backgrounds underachieve compared to their non-deprived peers. The Pupil Premium funding is provided to enable these pupils to be supported to achieve what their peers achieve.

The Government has used pupils entitled to free school meals (FSM), looked after children and service children as indicators of deprivation, and has provided a fixed amount of money for schools per pupil based on the number of pupils registered for FSM over a rolling six year period.

HOW?

The level of the premium in 2018-19 is £1320 per child. For a PP + child it is £2300

At Paganel on 18/9/2018 we had 220 pupil premium children so our PP funding for 18-19 is £290,400.

Data Analysis

We track the attainment of pupils covered by the Pupil Premium carefully and use achievement data to check whether interventions or techniques are working and make adjustments accordingly, this is completed by our Assessment and Pupil Premium Leaders.

The school will assess what additional provision should be made for the individual pupils at half termly Pupil Progress meetings. Pupil Premium pupils is on the agenda of all Pupil Progress meetings, a Raising Improvement Plan (RIP) is drawn up as a result of the Pupil Progress meetings to support the need of identified pupils.

Formative assessment data is collected on an ongoing basis, and this feeds into summative termly attainment data. This enables senior leaders and governors to track progress accurately and to compare attainment of disadvantaged pupils with non-disadvantaged pupils.

We will use external research evidence (Ofsted, EEF, collaboration with other schools) to allocate the funding to activities that are most likely to have most impact.

WHO?

When making decisions about using Pupil Premium funding it is important to consider the context of the school and the subsequent challenges faced. Common barriers to learning for disadvantaged children can be less support at home, weak language and communication skills, lack of confidence, more frequent behaviour difficulties, and attendance and punctuality issues. There may also be complex family situations that prevent children from flourishing. The challenges are varied and there is no "one size fits all".

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