

Greasby Infant School



Pupil Premium Policy

Mission Statement

We aim to provide a happy, relaxed environment where children are encouraged and supported to achieve their full potential, and to develop an attitude of care and responsibility towards others and their surroundings.

We ensure that the children in this school will attain the highest standards of which they are capable. We encourage the children to be independent and self-confident and we believe that this can be achieved more readily when teachers, parents and pupils work together in partnership.

Overview

The Pupil Premium was introduced in April 2011, and paid to local authorities by means of a specific grant based on January 2011 school census figures for children from low income families who are currently known to be eligible for FSM in reception to Year 11 and children who have been looked after continuously for more than six months. For looked after children the Pupil Premium was calculated using the Children looked after data returns (SSDA903). The Government has decided that eligibility for the Pupil Premium in 2012-13 would be extended to children who have been eligible for FSM at any point in the last 6 years.

The level of the premium for 2016/17 is £1320 per child. (2011/12:£488, 2012/13:£600, 2013/14£900, 2014/15:£1300) Looked after children and Post-Lac children (children adopted from care and children with special guardianship or residence orders) will be £1900 in 2016/17. This is known as Pupil Premium Plus and the funding is designed to close the gap between the performance of children in care compared to those not in care. (In 2012 only 50% of children in care achieved the expected levels in English and Mathematics at KS2, compared to with 79% of children not in care.)

A premium has also been introduced for children whose parents are currently serving in the armed forces and is set at £300 for 2016/17. This was £200 in 2011-12 and rose to £250 for 2012-13, was £300 in 2013/14 and has remained at this rate since. This service premium is designed to address the emotional and social well-being of these pupils.

The Pupil Premium is additional to main school funding and it will be used to address any underlying inequalities between children eligible for free school meals (FSM) and children who have been looked after continuously for more than six months and others by ensuring that funding reaches the pupils who need it most.

Schools are free to spend the Pupil Premium as they see fit. However they will be held accountable for how they have used the additional funding to support children from low income families. From

September 2012, schools were also required to publish online information about how they have used the Premium.

Objectives

1. The Pupil Premium will be used to provide additional educational support to improve the progress and to raise the standard of achievement for these pupils
2. The funding will be used to close the gap between the achievement of these pupils and their peers
3. As far as its powers allow the school will use the additional funding to address any underlying inequalities between children eligible for Pupils Premium and others
4. We will ensure that the additional funding reaches the pupils who need it most and that it makes a significant impact on their education and lives.

Strategies

1. Pupil Premium will be clearly identifiable within the budget
2. The head teacher, in consultation with the governors and staff, will decide how the Pupil Premium is spent for the benefit of entitled children
3. The school will assess what additional provision should be made for the individual children.
4. The school will be accountable for how it has used the additional funding to support the achievement of those children covered by the Pupil Premium and the Headteacher will report to the Governing Body and parents on how effective the intervention has been in achieving its aims.
5. From September 2012, we publish online information about how we have used the Premium.
6. We will ensure that parents and others are made fully aware of the attainment of children covered by the Premium.
7. We will seek to further develop strategies and interventions which can improve the progress and attainment of these children.
8. We will track the impact of the strategies put into place through the funding to ensure that we can show the value that has been added to the education of the entitled children.
9. We will monitor, evaluate and review the success of the impact of the pupil premium funding.

Outcomes

This policy will play an important part in the educational development of the individual children who are entitled to the Pupil Premium. We will ensure that these children are treated equally and as favourably as others and that the additional funding is used well to address the challenges they face. The school will use the additional funding to promote the achievement and progress of all entitled children. Through wise use of this additional funding we are fully committed to ensuring that the individual needs of each entitled child are met. As a result of the additional funding, these children will make the best possible progress and achieve higher standards that would have been likely without it.

The policy will be reviewed by the Curriculum Committee on a regular basis