



Pupil Premium

What is Pupil Premium?

The government introduced the Pupil Premium Grant in April 2011. It is paid for pupils who:

- are currently, or have been, eligible for free school meals
- children who have been looked after as a result of adoption, a special guardianship order or a child arrangement order continuously for more than 6 months
- has a parent employed in military services

This funding is additional funding for publicly funded schools in England and is allocated directly to schools to raise the achievement of disadvantaged pupils and close the gap between them and their peers by removing barriers to learning. It is up to individual schools how the Pupil Premium is spent, since they are best placed to assess what additional provision should be made for the individual pupils within their responsibility.

In 2024-24, schools receive the following funding for each child registered as eligible for free school meals at any point in the last 6 years:

- £1480 for pupils on reception year to Y6
- £1050 for pupils in Y7 to Y11

Schools will receive £2,570 for any pupil identified as having left authority care as a result of:

- Adoption
- A special guardianship order (previously known as a residence order)
- Who has been in local authority care for 1 day or more
- Recorded as both eligible for FSM in the last 6 years and as being looked after (or as having left local authority care)

Schools will receive £340 for any pupil identified as eligible for Service Pupil Premium for families in school years Reception to Y11, if they meet the following criteria:

- one of their parents is serving in the regular armed forces
- they have been registered as a 'service child' on the January school census at any point since 2014
- one of their parents died whilst serving in the armed forces and the pupil receives a pension under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme or the War Pensions Scheme
- pupils with a parent who is on full commitment as part of the full time reserve service are classed as service children

What information do schools have to publish?

Schools must publish their strategy and statement for the school's use of Pupil Premium on their website and, for the current year, must include:

- the school's pupil premium grant allocation amount
- a summary of the main barriers to educational achievement faced by eligible pupils at the school
- how the school will spend the pupil premium to address those barriers and the reasons for that approach
- how the school measures the impact of pupil premium
- the date of the next review of the pupil premium strategy

For the previous academic year they must include:

- How spent the pupil premium allocation
- The impact on eligible and other pupils

What are the barriers to children's learning?

At Uplands Community Primary School we support all our pupils by providing high quality teaching, supplemented by interventions to support learners as and when required. The school Leadership Team and the Governing Body monitors the impact of all spending and interventions, including Pupil Premium.

Barriers include:

- Learning difficulties – acquiring basic skills in school
- Emotional and social difficulties – making friends or relating to adults or behaving properly in school or at home
- Mental health difficulties - for the pupil or someone in their family
- Specific learning difficulties – with reading, writing, number work or understanding information
- Sensory or physical needs – which might affect them in school
- Communication problems – in expressing themselves or understanding what others are saying
- Medical or health condition – which may slow down a child's progress and / or involves treatment that affects his or her education
- Financial or practical difficulties
- Emotional / Social issues caused by external factors beyond the pupil's control

What are our priorities?

- Ensure at least good progress for all pupils

- Ensure that financial barriers do not exclude pupil access to the wider curriculum
- Support pupils with emotional / mental health issues
- Improve attendance

How do the staff at Uplands Community Primary support pupils eligible for Pupil Premium?

- Employ an ELSA trained member of staff to support whole families when needed
- Employ Teaching Assistants to run interventions and provide extra support in and out of the classroom
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- Employ a School Counsellor to support whole families when needed
- 1 to 1 tuition for identified pupils
- Intervention resources
- Subsidised attendance at Breakfast Club when needed
- Subsidised funding for extra-curricular and trips/residential activities
- 2nd hand school uniform
- Termly pupil progress meeting to review progress and highlight areas for concern
- Evaluate impact of interventions and support