



Woburn Lower School Pupil Premium Policy

The Pupil Premium is allocated to pupils who have been eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) at any time in the last six years.

Each pupil will be allocated the set amount currently allocated by the government. Schools have the freedom to spend the money in a way they think will best support the raising of attainment for the most vulnerable pupils.

Aims

- Provide background information about the pupil premium grant so all members of the school community understand its purpose and which pupils are eligible.
- Set out how the school will make decisions on pupil premium spending.
- Summarise the roles and responsibilities of those involved in managing the pupil premium in school.

Legislation and guidance

- This policy is based on the pupil premium conditions of grant guidance (2024-25), published by the Education and Skills Funding Agency. It is also based on guidance from the Department for Education (DfE) on virtual school heads' responsibilities concerning the pupil premium, and the service premium.
- In addition, this policy refers to the DfE's information on what maintained schools must publish online.

Purpose of the grant

- The pupil premium grant is additional funding allocated to publicly funded schools to raise attainment of disadvantaged pupils and support pupils with parents in the armed forces.
- The school will use the grant to support pupil premium pupils with a range of different abilities, to narrow any achievement gaps between them and their peers.

Principles

- We ensure that teaching and learning opportunities meet the needs of all the pupils

- We ensure that appropriate provision is made for pupils who belong to vulnerable groups, this includes ensuring that the needs of socially disadvantaged pupils are adequately assessed and addressed
- In making provision for socially disadvantaged pupils, we recognise that not all pupils who receive free school meals will be socially disadvantaged
- We recognise that not all pupils who are socially disadvantaged are registered for free school meals
- Pupil Premium funding will be allocated following the needs analysis which will identify priority classes, groups or individuals
- The school will engage with parents to take their views on the needs of their child into account.

Provision

The range of provision may include:

- Providing small group work with an experienced LSA focussed on overcoming gaps in learning
- 1:1 support
- Additional support
- All our work through the Pupil Premium will be aimed at accelerating progress moving children to at least age related expectations
- Contributions towards visits, music tuition, after school clubs and before and after school clubs

Reporting

It is the responsibility of the Headteacher to produce regular reports showing that the pupil premium funding is being used appropriately. The report must show:

- How the pupil premium budget is being spent
- An outline of the provision and its impact, which will be carefully tracked

This will be discussed at termly full governing body meetings and displayed on the school website

The Governing Board will challenge the Headteacher to use the pupil premium in the most effective way.

Eligible pupils

The pupil premium is allocated to the school based on the number of eligible pupils in years R to 4.

Eligible pupils fall into the categories below.

Ever 6 free school meals

Pupils recorded in the most recent January school census who are known to have been eligible for free school meals at any point in the last 6 years (as determined by the DfE's latest conditions of grant guidance.) This includes pupils first known to be eligible for free school meals in the most recent January census.

Looked after children

Pupils who are in care or living in accommodation provided by a local authority in England and Wales.

Post-looked after children

Pupils recorded in the most recent January census and alternative provision census who were looked after by an English or Welsh local authority immediately before being adopted, or who have left local authority care on a special guardianship order or child arrangements order.

Ever 6 service children are:

- one of their parents is serving in the regular armed forces
- they have been registered as a 'service child' in the school census at any point since 2011
- 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.

Governor:

Headteacher: P Black

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