



Pupil Premium Report

The aim of the Pupil Premium Grant is to support schools in raising the achievement of their most disadvantaged pupils. More specifically, it is hoped that these pupils will benefit from increased social mobility and have improved chances of accessing higher education. Schools are free to spend the Pupil Premium Grant as they see fit.

National research shows that children who have been eligible for Free School Meals, at any point in their school career, have consistently lower educational attainment than those who have never been eligible. It is also worth noting that many pupils claiming Free School Meals – and those who are looked after – at The Link Secondary School already fall into other groups which are vulnerable to underachievement, i.e. SEN. It is, therefore, pertinent for the school to consider additional strategies when planning effective intervention to maximise the impact of this funding for Pupil Premium Grant pupils.

The Pupil Premium Grant is paid to schools by Local Authorities and to Academies via the ESFA (Education Skills Funding Agency). The funding is calculated using the January School Census and Looked After Children Data Returns.

2019/20

Pupil Premium Grant (PPG) for 2019/20			
Total number of pupils on roll			47
Total number of pupils eligible for PPG			19
Amount of PPG received per pupil			£935
Pupils in year groups reception to year 6 recorded as Ever 6 free school meals			£1,320
PPG plus (LAC)			£2,300
Total amount of PPG received			£17,765
Item / Project	Cost	Objective	Impact / Outcome
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staffing 	£2,700	To provide dedicated support for PP students to enable their progress and curriculum access/opportunities to be monitored. Maintaining middle leader post intervention.	Middle leader post maintained, has aided intervention and organisation of personalised learning.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Literacy support, Lexia and WRAT 	£1,300	To embed a reading and writing comprehension package across the curriculum.	The assessment package and all subscriptions to online learning platforms for

		To continue the assessment package for literacy and numeracy across the curriculum.	literacy have been maintained, providing access for all students, particularly helpful for PP students to access from home also.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Curriculum resources and development 	£6,500	To ensure inclusivity and develop character education for PP children by extending our curriculum offer for 2019/20 by including Commando Joe's.	Commando Joe's has aided PP students and others in developing resilience and other school values as well as providing off site learning opportunities.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Curriculum enrichment 	£500	To promote inclusivity by targeted interventions for PP children e.g. horse riding and drumming.	Horse riding and music lessons paid for on an individual basis for PP students to gain a wider curriculum offer.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Canine Assisted Learning 	£3,765	To offer emotional and literacy based therapeutic intervention.	CAL offered to students on a personalised basis depending on need, particularly for disadvantaged students who could benefit from this intervention.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drama therapy 	£3,000	To offer emotional support for targeted children.	Targeted for specific students including PP students who may not have the same access to as broad a range of activities outside of the formal curriculum.

A great deal of additional funding from 2020-21 was carried over due to the pandemic.

Most of what was spent was on individual students who required laptops for online learning.

Some of the activities from the previous year were continued including; Canine Assisted Learning, Drama therapy, a middle leader post and literacy support. Some activities couldn't be continued due to the pandemic such as horse-riding and music lessons. We did however increase our online learning platform subscriptions to include maths based options for all students to access from home as well as school accounts for online communication apps.