

What now for 2016-17?

The amount of Pupil Premium that the school will receive in 2016 - 17 is approximately £15 000 - £20 000.

Working with the Virtual Heads and local authorities, staff at WKRS will concentrate on using the Pupil Premium for Children Looked After (CLA), to improve skills in the core subjects of English and Maths. This has proven very successful last year and it is important to build on the success for this year.

It is important to remember that Pupil Premium is not simply a tool for 'closing an academic gap' that might exist with some pupils, but to allow some pupils to increase their already high expected levels.

Pupil Premium at WKRS, is a tool to help those who may be behind expectations, but also a tool to ensure that those pupils of high ability remain aspirational.

The majority of the Pupil Premium for CLA will be spent in this way. However, we still believe that the use of Pupil Premium needs to be flexible, so some of the money will be spent developing skills in other areas of the curriculum, such as homework packs for Art, which proved so successful in previous years, or equipment for the Duke of Edinburgh Award, which helped pupils, in the past, to develop skills, such as resilience, leadership which they could transfer to the classroom. These are skills that the pupils still have and use today. Last year it was used in the Creative Arts, for Art and Photography equipment and these ideas will be recognised again this year.

Other Pupil Premium funds will be used as the school feels best. Using the Education Endowment Foundation Toolkit as a guide the staff at WKRS have been heavily involved in creating a range of strategies and learning outcomes. The school has used this for a number of years to great success.

Staff remain well aware that classroom skills are developed in many places not just the classroom.