

Pupil Premium Personal Budgets



Frequently Asked Questions

How much is my child's budget worth?

Each academic year you will be able to get up to £100 per eligible child.

This will work as follows; at the start of the autumn term £50 will be credited to your account. If you attend at least one parent event and your child's attendance for the autumn term is 95% or better you will receive an additional credit of £25 at the start of the spring term. Again, if you attend at least one parent event and your child's attendance for the spring term is 95% or better you will receive an additional credit of £25 at the start of the summer term.

What can I use the money for?

You can choose to spend the money on any item that will enhance your child's learning opportunities in school. These include paying for school equipment e.g. reading bags, PE kits, trainers, school trips, swimming lessons or residential trips. You could also spend it on providing your child with full, correct uniform.

How do I 'spend' my child's budget?

The school office holds the money for you, you will not receive any cash. We ask that you complete the request form and pass it to Mrs Dingle in the office for processing. She will also keep you informed of how much has been spent and how much is remaining.

Why is attendance so important?

Research clearly shows a link between good attendance and children achieving well at school. We want every child at Pondhu to do well and you can help by ensuring your child is in school every day.

Why do I have to attend a parent's event and what are these?

There is a strong link between a child's achievement and the level of parental involvement with school. We are very keen to work in partnership with you and ask that you attend the Parent Forum meeting (second Thursday of each term at 3.30 or 6.00pm) and the parent consultation meeting when your child's individual progress will be discussed.

Why does my child need full, correct uniform?

Our school is proud of our uniform and we expect all children to wear full, correct uniform. We do this to help ensure everyone feels the same loyalty to Pondhu and that all the children are all equal members of our school community.

What is full, correct uniform?

The full uniform is designed to allow a degree of flexibility to ensure your child feels comfortable and still conforms to the expectations.

Grey / black trousers / skirts / pinafores / (shorts in summer)

White polo shirts

White, blue or grey socks

Black shoes

Blue Pondhu jumpers (available from the office) We currently charge £7 for these

Summer dress – blue gingham (summer and first half of autumn term only)

PE kit: plain white T- shirt, black shorts, plimsolls and / or trainers (outdoor only).

Can I save it up to pay for a residential trip in the summer term?

Yes, you can save it up for a major event. As a pupil premium child your child will also receive a 25% discount of the total cost of a residential trip. This is separate from this fund.

What happens at the end of the year if I don't spend it?

You may carry forward a maximum of £25 to next year assuming your child is still a pupil at Pondhu. Any additional funding will be returned to the main school pupil premium budget to be spent in different ways for the benefit of pupil premium children.

How long does Pupil Premium Funding last?

Once you have claimed free school meals your child will remain eligible for the next six years. This is known as Free School Meals Ever 6.

Who else is eligible for Pupil Premium?

Children who receive free school meals are eligible (this is separate from the Universal Free School Meals for infants)

Children in care are eligible

Children of services personnel are eligible.

Can I have the money in cash?

No we are not able to do this, all the money is held and managed by the school office on your behalf.

Can I use the money allocated for one child on another?

No, each child has their own allocated budget.

If you have any further questions please contact the school office.