

Burwell Village College Primary School

Pupil Premium



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What is the Pupil Premium?

The Pupil Premium was introduced in April 2011. It represents additional funding that the Government gives to schools for each pupil considered to be 'disadvantaged'. The money must be spent on these pupils to support their education, but *it is for the school to determine how it is spent*.

Why does the Government provide a Pupil Premium grant?

Poverty or low income has been identified as the single most important factor in predicting a child's future life chances, with many pupils in low income families having low attainment by age 16. The Government believes that the Pupil Premium is the best way to address these underlying inequalities between children eligible for free school meals (FSM) and their peers by ensuring that funding to tackle disadvantage reaches the pupils who need it most.

How schools are held accountable.

Ofsted's Inspection Framework ensures that inspectors look closely at the achievement of vulnerable pupils and in particular those who attract the Pupil Premium grant. They have published a series of reports about how the Pupil Premium can be spent. These can be found on their website at:

http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/search/apachesolr_search/pupil%20premium

Who receives the Pupil Premium?

Pupil Premium is allocated to pupils in school year groups from Reception to Year 11. Low income families who are

registered for FSM or who have been registered for FSM at any point in the last six years are eligible as are those children who have been in care continuously for 6 months or more. Adopted children who have been in care continuously for 6 months or more prior to adoption are also eligible. There is also a sum allocated to pupils of families who serve in the Forces but this is reported on separately.

How should schools spend the grant?

Schools must spend the grant for the educational benefit of their eligible pupils to boost progress as reflected in English and Maths results. The grant can be spent on services that benefit pupils at the school or their families. Pupil Premium grants can be carried forward to the next financial year if all the money is not spent in the year in which it is allocated.

Examples of how the Pupil Premium can be used within schools:

- ⇒ Phonics
- ⇒ Reading comprehension strategies
- ⇒ Oral language intervention
- ⇒ Collaborative learning
- ⇒ Early Years intervention
- ⇒ Feedback to the learner

What obligations are placed on the school?

Schools need to monitor the impact of their selected approaches to improve provision for pupils entitled to the Pupil Premium. The Pupil Premium is not ring-fenced and schools are free to spend it

as they wish to improve pupils' attainment.

How are parents informed about the use of the Pupil Premium grants?

The school's governing body publishes information on the school website every year on Pupil Premium expenditure. For those parents that are not able to access the internet, a paper copy of this information can be provided on request. It details the funding received for the current academic year, as well as details of how it will be spent; there should also be details of how the previous academic year's allocation was spent.

The achievement data for children entitled to Pupil Premium is reported annually within the performance tables on the Department for Education's website.

Who should parents contact for further information?

Our school office team can give you more information and will readily help you register your child for free school meals. This information will be held confidentially by the school.

The Headteacher or the Chair of the Governing Body (on behalf of the governors) can offer further information to those parents enquiring about the use of the Pupil Premium.

If you have any further questions, or wish to speak to the Headteacher specifically about your child's Pupil Premium Grant, please contact the school office to make an appointment.