

# Coit Pupil Premium Policy

## **What is the Pupil Premium?**

The Pupil Premium is additional funding paid to schools in respect of their disadvantaged pupils. Schools receive this funding for

- raising the attainment of disadvantaged pupils and closing the gap with their peers
- supporting children and young people with parents in the regular armed forces

## **Who is eligible for receiving Pupil Premium?**

The indicator used for deprivation will be those pupils on the January School Census who are known as “Ever 6 FSM”.

- Pupils who are currently or who have been registered for Free School Meals (FSM) at any point in the last six years (Ever 6 FSM)
- Children who have been looked after continuously for more than six months.

The funding also extends to all children who:

Have been looked after for 1 day or more

Were adopted from care on or after 30th December 2005

Left care under a Special Guardianship Order on or after 30th December 2005

Left care under a Residence Order on or after October 1991

- Children of armed services personnel

## **What is the level of the Pupil Premium per pupil?**

The funding for the academic year 2018-19 remains as it has been for the previous three years at £1 320.

Funding to support Looked After Children (LAC) has risen to £2 300 for each eligible pupil.

## **When will schools receive their Pupil Premium funding?**

The Premium is paid to local authorities in quarterly instalments. It is then for local authorities to decide when they pass the funding onto schools.

## **How are schools accountable for how they use the Pupil Premium?**

Head teachers are free to decide how best to use the Premium to support their Ever6 FSM and Looked After pupils and close the attainment gap between them and their peers. When making decisions about using Pupil Premium funding, it is important to consider the context of the school and the subsequent challenges faced. Consequently, we have a clear, strategic approach to the use of pupil premium funding and an action plan formulated which is integrated into wider school support and improvement systems.

However, there may also be complex family situations that prevent children from flourishing. The challenges are varied and there is no ‘one size fits all’. On these occasions, a more bespoke plan is appropriate for individual pupils.

## **What are the reporting requirements for schools receiving the Service Premium?**

The general requirement for schools to publish online details of their Pupil Premium allocation, spend and impact includes funding provided in respect of children of armed forces personnel, known as the Service Premium. There is no requirement to report separately on the Service Premium, or indeed on individual children. In meeting this reporting duty schools will need to observe their continuing responsibilities under the Data Protection Act 1998 to ensure that individuals or groups of individuals, including children funded through the Service Premium, cannot be identified.

## **Reporting arrangements for the use of Pupil Premium**

It will be the responsibility of the Headteacher and/or Head of school to produce termly reports for the Governors on:

- The progress made towards narrowing the gap by year group for socially disadvantaged pupils.
- An outline of the provision that was made since the last meeting.
- An evaluation of the cost effectiveness in terms of progress made by the pupils receiving a particular provision, when compared with other forms of support.
- The Governors of the school will ensure that there is a strategy for the school's use of the pupil premium to parents on how the pupil premium funding has been used to address the issue of narrowing the gap for socially disadvantaged pupils. This task will be carried out within the requirements published by the DFE.

## **Principles for the use of Pupil Premium**

- To ensure that teaching and learning opportunities meet the needs of all of the pupils.
- To 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, it is recognised that not all pupils who receive free school meals will be socially disadvantaged
- Pupil premium funding will be allocated following a needs analysis which will identify priority classes, groups or individuals.
- To provide a curriculum, designed to offer maximum flexibility to meet the needs of individuals.
- Ensure staff development and training to ensure that all staff in school are able to provide for each individual child.
- A broad and varied extra-curricular programme to offer experience outside of the classroom to all children.
- Support of a Learning Mentor.
- Financial support to ensure that children do not miss educational opportunities due to financial hardship i.e. educational visits, residential visits and after school clubs. (See the School Charging Policy)
- Providing in school support for children with particular educational needs.
- Additional teaching and learning opportunities through trained TAs or external agencies.
- Family learning opportunities to raise aspirations of families and children where possible.

## **Appeals**

Any appeals against this policy will be through the governor's complaints procedure.

## **Appendix**

Free school meals are a statutory benefit. This means that if you qualify you have a legal right to free school meals for your child or children.

You are eligible for free school meals if your children are registered at a Sheffield School and the parent or carer receives one of the following benefits:

- Universal credit in certain circumstances
- Income Support.
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance.
- An income-related employment and support allowance.
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- Child Tax Credit, but not receiving Working Tax Credit, and your annual income does not exceed a specified amount
- The guarantee element of State Pension Credit.
- Parents receiving Working Tax Credit for four weeks after their employment finishes are entitled to free school meals during that period. This also applies to parents who start working less than 16 hours per week.
- You are not entitled to Free School Meals if you receive Working Tax Credit except where the '4 weekrun-on' applies as described above.

If you are unsure about your eligibility for Free School Meals please contact

First Point

Howden House

1 Union Street

S1 2FH

Sheffield or ring 2735705 or 2736401.

Please ensure that you have

- Your National Insurance Number (or NASS number)
- Names of your child(ren)
- Their dates of birth

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