

Pupil Premium Grant Strategy for the
Financial Year 2018/2019
and
Review of Pupil Premium Grant for the
Financial Year 2017/2018



Pupil Premium Funding

Context

The School Information (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2012 requires all schools to publish information on the school website about specified information. Point 9 of the regulations requires information to be shared on the use of the school's allocation from the Pupil Premium Grant.

Background Information

The Pupil Premium Grant was introduced in April 2011 and is additional funding that the government gives to schools for each pupil on roll where they are deemed to be disadvantaged. Prior to the introduction of the Grant, Governors at Westfield Infant School had set up a Cost Centre to support pupils from disadvantaged families with the cost of school trips, uniform, swimming and after school clubs.

Why is the Government providing the Pupil Premium Grant to schools?

Poverty or low income is the single most important factor in predicting a child's future life chances, with many pupils having low educational attainment by the time they leave school at the age of 16. The Government believes that Pupil Premium funding, which is in addition to main school funding, is the best way to address the current inequalities between pupils eligible for free school meals (FSM) and those pupils who are not.

Which pupils does the school receive the Pupil Premium Grant funding for?

Pupil Premium Grant is allocated to pupils in the school year groups from Reception to Year 11 from low income families who are registered for Free School Meals (FSM) or have been registered for FSM at any point in the last 6 years (known as 'Ever 6').

What is the difference between Free School Meals (FSM) and Universal Infant Free School Meals (UFSM)?

All pupils at Westfield Infant School are entitled to UFSM because the Government is currently funding a free lunchtime meal for all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils. However in order to qualify for the support we offer, Pupil Premium Grant (FSM) parents will need to register their child's entitlement.

How do Parents register their child's entitlement for FSM Pupil Premium Grant?

Parents must apply for FSM PPG funding in order for the school to receive it. The process of finding out if your circumstances entitle you to this grant is very simple. Parents/Carers need to contact the FSM Team by phoning any of these three numbers:

0116 305 6588 0116 305 7093 0116 305 2740

The following information is required;

Parent Name

Parent Date of Birth

National Insurance Number or National Asylum Support Service Number

Name of Child

Child's Date of Birth

Parents/Carers are all given a leaflet explaining Pupil Premium Grant funding and giving information about how to find out if the school should receive the PPG for the child.

Other Pupils who are eligible for Pupil Premium Grant

From April 2014 schools received Pupil Premium funding for children adopted from care or who left care under Special Guardianship Order on or after 30 December 2005, provided they are on the school's database each January. Parents and guardians will need to inform the school, in confidence, about their child's circumstances and provide supporting evidence (for example the Adoption Order).

In circumstances such as these a discussion will take place with the Headteacher about the support parents/carers and professionals feel would be of most benefit to the child. In some cases Social Workers will also be involved and it is important that each case is considered individually.

Service Premium

The Service Premium Grant is for pupils who have a parent serving in the armed services. Unlike the Pupil Premium this grant is not solely for raising attainment but for providing additional (mainly pastoral) support.

Who receives Service Premium (SPP)?

The eligibility criteria for SPP is:

- one of the parents is serving in the regular armed forces
- a pupil whose parent has died in action

To be eligible, the parent must be supporting their family, so where parents are separated or divorced a pupil will not be eligible.

The SPP is considerably less than the PPG and guidance makes it clear that SPP should not be used to subsidise routine school activity trips, music lessons, etc. In circumstances such as this a discussion will take place with the Headteacher about the support parents/carers and professionals feel would be of most benefit to the child. Working previously with parents in these circumstances we have provided iPads to aid communication, provided additional ELSA sessions and the children have attended homework club in order to support the parent at home.

Adopted Children/Special Guardianship Orders

There is another group of pupils; those adopted from care or who have left care. If your child is adopted or is previously looked after but now living with you under a special guardianship order (SGO) or child arrangements order (previously known as a child residence order) the school may be entitled to claim additional funding called Pupil Premium Plus.

In order to access this funding we need to record your child as 'previously looked after' on the school census each January. This information will be treated in confidence and will not be shared with anyone else. If you would like further information please contact staff in the school office.

Barriers to Future Educational Attainment for pupils eligible to PPG

- Low baseline for pupils entering school
- Socio-economic deprivation and home circumstances
- Low self-esteem, lack of resilience and emotional vulnerability

How the Pupil Premium Grant will be spent to overcome barriers to learning

Schools are left to decide how to spend the Pupil Premium Grant but there is an expectation that the funding is carefully targeted at the designated pupils and that an impact on attainment will become evident. Governors and staff at Westfield Infant School are aware of the need to monitor the use of this additional funding and are committed to ensuring that it is used in order to reduce the attainment gap for disadvantaged pupils. Accountability to parents/carers takes place formally via performance data, Ofsted Inspections and this annual on-line report. At Westfield Infant School informal accountability also takes place during discussions with parents/carers and an annual questionnaire.

Information as of April 2018

Number of Pupils and amount of Pupil Premium Grant (PPG) received	2018-2019
Total number of pupils on roll	302 (S251 Budget)
Total number of pupils eligible for PPG including Ever 6 and Adopted Children	48
Amount of PPG received per pupil (£ 1,320)	£63,360
Amount of PPG received per adopted child (£2,300)	£4,600
Amount of PPG received per Armed Forces (£300)	£900.00
Total Amount Allocated 2017 - 2018	£68,860

For the Academic Year 2018/2019 Governors plan to continue to use the Pupil Premium Grant in a similar way to 2017/2018 but have also committed funding for additional support as outlined below:

It is the Governors' intention that additional staffing support will continue. This enables pupils to be taught in smaller groups for English and Maths. When a need is identified pupils will also receive intervention in the form of Catch Up and Precision Teaching strategies. Priority will be given to the support that has been recognised by parents/carers as being of greatest benefit; e.g. support for trips, clubs, mid-morning milk, uniform vouchers and additional use of ICT resources.

Below is a brief outline of updated plans for the use of the Pupil Premium Grant funding for 2018/2019:

- The continuation of the work of the ELSA. We now have 4 ELSA trained members of staff who are available to work with the pupils. They are able to provide emotional support in order to raise standards of attainment. The Lead ELSA is also a trained Relax Kids coach
- To extend Computing resources and support available to parents/carers of pupils entitled to the Pupil Premium Grant. Laptops and iPads are now specifically available to the pupils with an entitlement to PPG and a member of teaching staff will be offering sessions to pupils and family members in order to encourage learning at home
- Mud Buster Programme. We offer a 10 week programme based on the Forest School approach to support Year 1 pupils. Staff identify pupils who are presenting with issues that they feel could be supported by attending the programme

- A member of staff is available for a 'drop in' session on a Friday afternoon or by appointment. She can support and help parents/carers with concerns and queries and is able to signpost them to where they will be able to get further support
- Letterbox Gang for Year 1 pupils. The monthly Letterbox packs bridges the transitions from Year 1 in to Year 2 and is a way of getting books and educational resources into the homes of Pupil Premium (FSM) pupils
- Book Worms – We have a group of volunteers from the community who give at least an hour a week to listen to children read. Pupils entitled to PPG are a target group for this additional support
- Parents/Carers of EYFS pupils entitled to FSM PPG attended informal discussions to seek their views on any other areas of support that they feel would be useful. As a result of the discussions the following benefits are now available:
 - a voucher to enable parents/carers to obtain a photograph of their child in the Christmas Play
 - vouchers issued for use during Breakfast Week which takes place during Healthy School Week in February each year
 - a Breakfast Club for pupils who can arrive at school for 8.00 a.m. and benefit from a breakfast with their friends and a calm start to the day
 - a pack of Learning Resources for Pupils to use at home
- Multisport Club – as well as the opportunity to attend a range of clubs that are available to all pupils we ran a weekly Multi sports club for Pupils entitled to Pupil Premium Grant funding. A different sport is introduced each half term and parents/carers are invited to join in at the end of each half term

How the effects of Pupil Premium will be measured

Provision Maps and brief Case Studies demonstrating the additional support and the impact for individual pupils with an entitlement to Pupil Premium Grant will be compiled across the school. Informal discussions with parent/carers entitled to FSM PPG will be held to seek their views on areas of support they feel would be useful.

Governors monitor and review the use of the Pupil Premium Grant throughout the year. Expenditure is tracked at least termly by the Finance and Staffing Sub-Committee. Information will be updated on the expenditure during the financial year 2018/2019 by 1 September 2019.

How the Pupil Premium was spent in the previous academic year (2017-2018)

- ELSA including the training of additional staff
- Provision of ICT resources
- Breakfast Club
- Firework Groups with additional staffing to provide smaller groups for the teaching and learning of English and Maths
- Financial support for trips, clubs, mid-morning milk, uniform vouchers

- Mud Buster Programme
- Drop in session in the morning to signpost parent/carers to where they will be able to get further support
- Multi Sports Club
- Letterbox Packs
- Learning pack of resources for pupils to use at home

The impact of the PPG expenditure for eligible pupils and other pupils 2017/2018

	PPG	Non-PPG	Gap (2016-17)
Reading LA	60% 55%	72% 78%	-12% (-11%)
Writing LA	60% 47%	68% 73%	-8% (-4%)
Maths LA	75% 57%	71% 79%	+4% (-16%)

Compared to LA (provisional data as of 20/8/18)

The above table demonstrates that in 2017/2018, the use of PPG funding at Westfield Infant School to provide intervention for Pupil Premium Grant pupils has positively impacted on PPG attainment when compared to Local Authority outcomes for PPG pupils, particularly in Maths where the gap between school and local is significant (+18%)

	PPG	Non-PPG
Reading LA	50% 23%	0% 31%
Writing LA	13% 18%	11% 28%
Maths LA	50% 23%	13% 32%

Compared to LA (provisional data as of 20/8/18)

The above table shows that in 2017/2018, the use of PPG funding to provide intervention for Pupil Premium Grant pupils has positively impacted on the progress of PPG pupils who achieved 'emerging' at the end of EYFS, both in comparison to Non-PPG and Local Authority for Reading (+27%) and Maths (+27%).