



Pupil Premium Policy

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Pupil Premium Policy

This policy incorporates the aims and values of our school, where we accept ***nothing but the best***. We believe that every child is unique and that is reflected in the desire, commitment and aspirations of our school staff to address and overcome socio-economic factors – or any other external factor – which may hinder pupil progress and attainment, and ultimately affect their life chances.

1. Aims

This policy aims to:

- Provide background information about the pupil premium grant so that all members of the school community understand its purpose and which pupils are eligible
- Set out how the school will make decisions on pupil premium spending
- Summarise the roles and responsibilities of those involved in managing the pupil premium in school

2. Legislation and guidance

This policy is based on the [Pupil premium: allocations and conditions of grant 2023-24 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/pupil-premium) published by the Education and Skills Funding Agency. It is also based on guidance from the Department for Education (DfE) [Pupil premium - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/pupil-premium), on [virtual school heads' responsibilities concerning the pupil premium](https://www.gov.uk/virtual-school-heads-responsibilities), and the [service premium](https://www.gov.uk/service-premium). In addition, this policy refers to the DfE's information on [what academies should publish online](https://www.gov.uk/what-academies-should-publish-online), and complies with our funding agreement and articles of association.

3. Purpose of the grant

The pupil premium grant is additional funding allocated to publicly funded schools to raise the attainment of disadvantaged pupils and support pupils with parents in the armed forces.

The school will use the grant to support these groups, which comprise pupils with a range of different abilities, to narrow any achievement gaps between them and their peers.

The school recognises that not all pupils who are eligible for the pupil premium grant are underachieving, while some pupils may be underachieving and not eligible for pupil premium funding. It is school policy to plan, adapt and prepare for any individual or group, in which any area of under-performance is evident. The school does not use this policy to displace current

strategies to intervene and support its pupils. Some pupils may be achieving well, but will be entitled to funding to enhance their future educational aspirations and achievements.

4. Use of the grant

When making decision on how to use the PPG at The Bolsover School, we consider the following:

- Our students face academic barriers to attainment including low literacy and numeracy skills and poor revision skills. Non-academic barriers also include: lower than average attendance, access to an adequate learning environment at home, poor/disruptive behaviour, social/emotional/health issues and low income/lack of resources.
- We use evidence to inform our decisions of pupil premium spending – for example, we use evidence-based research and resources from the Education Endowment Foundation, and we rigorously analyse what works in our school using the evidence in our pupil premium strategy document to support this.
- We ensure the grant addresses a wide range of needs, and takes group and individual needs into account.
- Engage with parents to take their views on the needs of their child into account

Some examples of how the school may use the grant include, but are not limited to:

- Providing extra one-to-one or small-group support
- Running intervention sessions during tutor time for core subjects
- Supporting training and continuous development to improve the quality of all teaching
- Reading interventions
- Support at unstructured times and after the end of the school day including a wide range of extra-curricular activities on offer

We will publish information on the school's use of the pupil premium on the school website in line with the requirements set out in our funding agreement and the DfE's guidance on what academies should publish online.

Information on how the school uses the pupil premium is available in the Pupil Premium Strategy Document which can be found in the Documents and Policies section of the school website.

5. Eligible pupils

The pupil premium is allocated to the school based on the number of eligible pupils in year 7 through to year 11.

Eligible pupils fall into the categories explained below.

5.1 Ever 6 free school meals

Pupils recorded in the most recent January school census who are known to have been eligible for free school meals at any point in the last 6 years (as determined by the DfE's latest conditions of grant guidance).

This includes pupils first known to be eligible for free school meals in the most recent January census.

It does not include pupils who received universal infant free school meals but would not have otherwise received free lunches.

5.2 Looked after children

Pupils who are in the care of, or provided with accommodation by, a local authority in England or Wales.

5.3 Post-looked after children

Pupils recorded in the most recent January census and alternative provision census who were looked after by an English or Welsh local authority immediately before being adopted, or who left local authority care on a special guardianship order or child arrangements order.

5.4 Ever 6 service children

Pupils:

- With a parent serving in the regular armed forces
- Who have been registered as a 'service child' in the school census at any point in the last 6 years (as determined by the DfE's latest conditions of grant guidance), including those first recorded as such in the most recent January census
- In receipt of a child pension from the Ministry of Defence because one of their parents died while serving in the armed forces

6. Roles and responsibilities

6.1 Headteacher and senior leadership team

The headteacher and senior leadership team are responsible for:

- Keeping this policy up to date, and ensuring that it is implemented across the school
- Ensuring that all school staff are aware of their role in raising the attainment of disadvantaged pupils and supporting pupils with parents in the armed forces
- Planning pupil premium spending and keeping this under constant review, using an evidence-based approach and working with virtual school heads where appropriate
- Monitoring the attainment and progress of pupils eligible for the pupil premium to assess the impact of the school's use of the funding
- Reporting on the impact of pupil premium spending to the governing board on an ongoing basis
- Publishing information on the school's use of the pupil premium on the school website, as required by our funding agreement and in line with guidance from the DfE
- Providing relevant training for staff, as necessary, on supporting disadvantaged pupils and raising attainment

6.2 Governors

The governing board is responsible for:

- Holding the headteacher to account for the implementation of this policy
- Ensuring the school is using pupil premium funding appropriately, in line with the rules set out in the conditions of grant
- Monitoring the attainment and progress of pupils eligible for the pupil premium, in conjunction with the headteacher, to assess the impact and effectiveness of the school's use of the funding
- Monitoring whether the school is ensuring value for money in its use of the pupil premium
- Challenging the headteacher to use the pupil premium in the most effective way
- Setting the school's ethos and values around supporting disadvantaged members of the school community

6.3 Other school staff

All school staff are responsible for:

- Implementing this policy on a day-to-day basis
- Setting high expectations for all pupils, including those eligible for the pupil premium
- Identifying pupils whose attainment is not improving in response to interventions funded by the pupil premium, and highlighting these individuals to the senior leadership team
- Sharing insights into effective practice with other school staff

7. Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed annually by the member of SLT with responsibility for pupil premium. At every review, the policy will be shared with the governing board.