

Marland School

PUPIL PREMIUM POLICY

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THE PUPIL PREMIUM

The Pupil Premium is additional funding which is allocated to schools on the basis of the number of pupils who have been eligible for free school meals (FSM) at any point over the last six years (known as 'Ever 6 FSM').

The Pupil Premium is aimed at addressing the current underlying inequalities that exist between children from disadvantaged backgrounds and their more affluent peers.

The Pupil Premium also provides funding for children who have been looked after continuously for more than six months and the children of service personnel.

PPG provides funding for two policies:

- raising the attainment of disadvantaged pupils of all abilities to reach their potential.
- supporting children and young people with parents in the regular armed forces.

The PPG per eligible pupil for the FINANCIAL YEAR 2025 to 2026 is as follows:

<u>Disadvantaged pupils</u>	Pupil premium per pupil
Pupils in year groups reception to year 6 recorded as Ever 6 FSM	£ 1,515
Pupils in years 7 to 11 recorded as Ever 6 FSM	£ 1,075
Looked-after children (LAC) defined in the Children Act 1989 as one who is in the care of, or provided with accommodation by, an English local authority	£ 2,630
Children who have ceased to be looked after by a local authority in England and Wales because of adoption, a special guardianship order, a child arrangement order or a residence order	£ 2,630
Service children	Pupil premium per
pupil Pupils in year groups reception to year 11 recorded as Ever 6 Service Child or in receipt of a child pension from the Ministry of Defence	£ 350

Ever 6 FSM

The pupil premium for 2025 to 2026 includes pupils recorded in the October 2024 school census who are known to have been eligible for free school meals (FSM) at the time of the October census, or at any point in the previous 6 years, will attract pupil premium funding.

Children adopted from care or who have left care

Allocations for previously looked after children (post-looked-after children) will be based on the October 2024 census for mainstream and special schools.

Looked-after children

There will be no change to the methodology for calculating allocations for looked-after children.

As before, ESFA will allocate a provisional amount per child looked after in June. That allocation will then be updated and finalised based on the children looked-after data return SSDA903.

Ever 6 service children

For the purposes of these grant conditions, ever 6 service child means a pupil recorded in the October 2024 school census who was eligible for the service child premium since the October 2024 census as well as those recorded as a service child for the first time on the October 2024 school census. The grant is allocated as set out in sections 4, 5 and 6 below. Where national curriculum year groups do not apply to a pupil, the pupil will attract PPG if aged 4 to 15 as recorded in the October 2024 school census.

PURPOSE OF THE PUPIL PREMIUM POLICY

The purpose of this policy is to outline how we will ensure that the Pupil Premium allocated to us has an impact on narrowing the attainment gaps which currently exist between our eligible pupils and their peers.

As a school in receipt of Pupil Premium funding, we are accountable to our parents and school community for how we are using this additional resource to narrow the achievement gaps of our pupils. New measures have been included in the performance tables published annually on a national level. They capture the achievement of disadvantaged pupils covered by the Pupil Premium.

We are aware that under The School Information (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2012, Schedule 4 there is specified information which has to be published on a school's website. Section 9 of this regulation requires schools to publish 'The amount of the school's allocation from the Pupil Premium grant in respect of the current academic year; details of how it is intended that the allocation will be spent; details of how the previous academic year's allocation was spent, and the effect of this expenditure on the educational attainment of those pupils at the school in respect of whom grant funding was allocated'. This information is contained within the associated annual Marland School Pupil Premium Report.

In meeting this requirement, we will observe our continuing responsibilities under the Data Protection Act 1998, so that individuals or groups of individuals, including children funded through the Service Premium cannot be identified.

HOW WE WILL MAKE DECISIONS REGARDING THE USE OF THE PUPIL PREMIUM

In making decisions on the use of the Pupil Premium we will:

- Ensure that Pupil Premium funding allocated to our school is used solely for its intended purpose.
- Use the latest evidence-based research on proven strategies which work to narrow the attainment gaps and adapt these as necessary to meet the needs of our pupils.
- Be transparent in our reporting of how we have used the Pupil Premium, so that our parents, interested stakeholders and Ofsted are fully aware of how this additional resource has been used to make a difference.
- Encourage take up of FSM by working proactively with our parents and carers in a sensitive and supportive manner and to remove any potential barriers or stigma attached to claiming FSM. In doing so, we also recognise the vital role that parents, and carers play in the lives of their children.
- Be mindful of the fact that eligibility and take up of FSM does not equate with pupils being considered to be of 'low ability' because of their social circumstances.
- Ensure there is robust monitoring and evaluation in place to account for the use of the Pupil Premium, by the school and governing body.
- Recognise the fact that FSM pupils are not a homogeneous group and cover a wide range of needs. As such the strategies we use to raise attainment will take these group and individual needs fully into account.
- Use high quality teaching and learning as the preferred way to narrow the gaps in attainment in the first instance.
- We will also use high quality interventions with proven evidence of impact to assist our pupils who need additional support in a time limited way.
- Use the Pupil Premium for all year groups not just those taking examinations at the end of the year.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

We expect all members of our school community, particularly staff and governors to be committed to raising standards and narrowing the attainment gaps for our pupils.

The Executive Principal and Curriculum Leadership Team

The Executive Principal and members of the Curriculum Leadership Team are responsible for implementing this policy. They will ensure that all staff are aware of their responsibilities in narrowing the gaps of our pupils. They will also ensure that staff are given appropriate support and relevant professional development opportunities to accelerate pupil's progress and attainment to ensure that narrowing the gaps is a consistent priority area of focus for the school.

It will be the responsibility of the Executive Principal to include the following information in the annual report for Governors:

- the impact achieved by deploying this additional funding to improve the personalised progress of the eligible PP cohort.
- an outline of the provision that has been made since the last annual report.
- an evaluation of the cost effectiveness, in terms of the progress made by the pupils.

Teaching and Support Staff will:

- maintain the highest expectations of all pupils and not equate disadvantage of circumstance with 'low ability',
- promote an inclusive and collaborative ethos in their classrooms which enable pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds to thrive,
- plan and deliver curricula and lessons to a high standard and support the acceleration of progress in learning, so that gaps can be narrowed, and progress improvements maintained.
- support disadvantaged groups of pupils in their class through differentiated / personalised planning and teaching, especially for those who find aspects of learning difficult and are in danger of falling behind,
- keep up to date with teaching strategies and research, which have proven track record in narrowing the gaps and/or further improving progress in attainment and achievement.

We will provide opportunities for staff to engage in a range of professional development opportunities suited to their particular needs and role. This will support implementation of successful strategies to accelerate progress of pupils and narrow the gaps.

Governing body

Our governing body has an important role in ensuring our school complies with legislation and that this policy, along with its specific stated actions for narrowing the gaps is implemented.

There is a nominated Governor, currently the Vice Chair of the full Governing Body / Lead Governor for Teaching & Learning, who is responsible for ensuring the implementation of this policy.

Our governing body will at least termly, keep our work in narrowing the gaps / improving progress under review so that they can monitor the use of the Pupil Premium. In monitoring and evaluating the work of the school in relation to the Pupil Premium, the governing body will take into account a range of information data as evidence of impact.

At the end of the academic year, our Governors will ensure that there is an annual statement to parents on how the Pupil Premium funding has been used to address the issue of narrowing the gaps / improving progress in our school and the impact this has had.

MONITORING AND REVIEWING THE POLICY

Our work in relation to the Pupil Premium will be reviewed on a termly basis to ensure it is having the intended impact in narrowing the gaps / improving progress. This will allow us to make adjustments if particular strategies are not working well, rather than leaving things to the end of the year.

Our Pupil Premium Policy will be reviewed on an annual basis and adjustments will be made to it according to the impact the school is having in narrowing the gaps / improving progress. It will also take into consideration the increased funding that becomes available under the Pupil Premium Grant.