

# Woodbridge Junior School

## Pupil Premium Policy



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### 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 conditions of grant guidance \(2017-18\)](#), published by the Education and Skills Funding Agency. It is also based on guidance from the Department for Education (DfE) on [virtual school heads' responsibilities concerning the pupil premium](#), and the [service premium](#).

In addition, this policy refers to the DfE's information on [what maintained schools must publish online](#).

### 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.

We also recognise that not all pupils eligible for pupil premium funding will have lower attainment than their peers. In such cases, the grant will be used to help improve pupils' progress and attainment so that they can reach their full potential.

### 4. Use of the grant

When making decisions on how to best use Pupil Premium funding at Woodbridge we:

- Consider the context of our school and the main challenges or barriers our pupils face, such as:  
Internal Barriers:
  - Reduced self-esteem, confidence and resilience experienced by children in challenging circumstances..

- Unequal access to life experiences (visits out, clubs, experiences) leading to impoverished vocabulary and ‘general knowledge’.
  - Existing gaps in academic knowledge and skill slowing academic progress.
- External Barriers:
- Challenging economic circumstances for some families impacting negatively on physical and mental health and wellbeing.
  - Low levels of education, skills and training amongst adults in the local community mean that some parents do not have the skills or self-confidence to support their children’s learning.
  - Low value put on academic achievement in some parts of the community, leading to low levels of aspiration
- Use evidence to inform our decisions on pupil premium spending – for example, by using evidence-based research and resources from the [Education Endowment Foundation](#), and learning from what works in our school
    - Address a wide range of needs, and take 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, such as class target groups, Phonics Groups, Nurture Group, Positive Play or fine motor control interventions.
- Employing a Pastoral Lead to work with children and families supporting children’s emotional health and wellbeing, attendance, aspiration and positive behaviour.
- Engaging the Positive for Young People service to provide Early Help support to children and families
- Engaging a counsellor to support the emotional wellbeing of children who are struggling
- Running catch-up sessions before or after school (for example, Early Bird Readers, Third Space Learning and Homework Club)
- Providing extra 1:1 tuition where needed
- Discounting educational trips and visits by 80%
- Providing uniform items when needed
- Supporting the provision of Forest Schools sessions for all children to help children develop confidence, self-esteem, problem solving, risk taking and the promotion to physical health.
- Providing a range of professional development opportunities for staff to ensure that all children receive high quality teaching and support.

We will publish our strategy on the school’s use of the pupil premium in each academic year on the school website, in line the DfE’s requirements on what maintained schools must publish online.

Our pupil premium strategy is available here: <https://www.woodbridge.derbyshire.sch.uk/pupil-premium/>

## 5. Eligible pupils

The pupil premium is allocated to the school based on the number of eligible pupils in Years 3 to 6.

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 the school's pupil premium strategy on the school website each academic year, as required by 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

### **6.4 Virtual school heads**

Virtual school heads are responsible for managing pupil premium funding for children looked after by a local authority, and allocating it to schools. Their responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Identifying the eligible looked after children and informing the local authority
- Making sure methods for allocating and spending ensure that looked after children benefit without delay
- Working with each looked after child's educational setting to put together a personal education plan, agree how pupil premium funding will be spent to meet the need identified in this plan, and ensure the funding is spent in this way
- Demonstrating how pupil premium funding is raising the achievement of looked after children

Virtual school heads are in charge of promoting the educational achievement of all the children looked after by the local authority they work for.

## **7. Monitoring arrangements**

This policy will be reviewed every 2 years by the headteacher. At every review, the policy will be shared with the governing board.