

Pupil Premium

Background

In April 2011, the Government introduced the Pupil Premium Grant which was additional funding given to schools to support pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds by closing the attainment gap between them and their more affluent peers. Government and National documents now refer to Pupil Premium students as Disadvantaged students. Schools receive a set amount per pupil registered as eligible for free school meals at any point in the last 6 years (known as Ever6 FSM). Further details of this and other disadvantaged qualifying pupils can be found on the GOV.UK website in the document Pupil Premium: Conditions of Grant 2016-17. Schools can decide how to spend the Pupil Premium grant since they are best placed to assess what additional provision should be made for the individual pupils within their responsibility. In doing so funding is strategically aimed at tackling significant barriers to learning for Pupil premium students within the school and wider community context. This targets and supports pupils who are or are at risk of being vulnerable in terms of poor attendance to school, disengagement, low aspirations, low self-esteem and confidence, and outcomes that are below expectation.

Key Objective

The primary objective is to use the pupil premium funding to ensure pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds are well supported to achieve high outcomes that are at least in line with their more affluent peers. National data shows pupils in receipt of free school meals significantly achieve less well compared to their more prosperous peers. The difference in this attainment gap widens as pupils move from primary through to secondary schooling. The key priority is to reduce this difference in attainment and progress for Pupil Premium students from their starting points when compared to Non-Pupil Premium students nationally with the same starting points, thus securing high achievement and successful outcomes, thereby improving life chances.