

Wycliffe CE Primary School

Pupil Premium Policy

Background

The Pupil Premium was introduced by the Coalition Government in April 2011 to provide additional support for looked after children (continuously for more than 6 months) and those from low income families known to be eligible for free school meals.

In 2012 – 2013 this was extended to pupils who have been eligible for free school meals at any point in the last six years (Ever6 Free School Meals).

In 2014/2015 the funding will extend further to include children who are adopted and also those under Special Guardianship.

The extra funding is made available to schools to help them narrow the attainment gap that still exists between pupils from disadvantaged and more affluent backgrounds.

This fixed amount of funding is allocated per pupil and fixed. It increases each financial year and is additional to the underlying school budget. There is no corresponding decrease in other budget areas.

2011/2012 - £488

2012/2013 – £600

2013/2014 – £900

2014/2015 – £1300 (£1900 for adopted children)

Principles

Schools are free to spend this funding as they see fit. However they are accountable for how they use this additional funding to support pupils. Wycliffe CE Primary recognises that not all pupils who receive free school meals will be socially disadvantaged. We also recognise that not all pupils who are socially disadvantaged are registered or qualify for free school meals.

It is therefore essential that there is clear rationale and agreement in place for allocation of this funding. This will be done by the School Management Team in discussion with the Governing Body as represented on the Data Working Group. The Sutton Trust Toolkit will be used to support evaluation and selection of interventions to be funded.

The Education Endowment Fund DIY Evaluation Kit will be used to structure monitoring and evaluation of the interventions to inform decisions around the impact of the Pupil Premium Fund.

Wycliffe CE Primary will also ensure robust tracking and monitoring of pupil progress in this 'cohort' in line with the schools current Pupil Progress Model and report on the impact that the funding has had on 'closing the gap'. New measures are now included in school performance tables that show the achievement of pupils who attract the Pupil Premium. This achievement is looked at in relation to the NATIONAL AVERAGE attainment figure.

The Data Working Group will act as the monitoring body and an end of year report will be produced in July, at the end of the academic year. This will be published via the website to parents and carers and the wider school community in the following autumn term. A dedicated meeting of the data working group will be held to compile and agree this report.

Provision

The Data Working Group will consider a range of provision based on the research areas outlined in the Sutton Trust Toolkit.

It is recognised that small group work, meta cognition and collaborative learning activities are highly effective nationally.

In addition, interventions to enhance social and emotional aspects of learning, engagement of families and communities and curriculum enrichment have been beneficial to the Wycliffe school community, and interventions in these areas should also be given high consideration.

Reporting

The Data Working Group will receive a financial report detailing the amount of pupils in receipt of the Pupil Premium and the amount available to school each financial year.

The Head Teacher and Senior Management Team will identify the Pupil Premium cohort each year and ensure that the school census return has included this information each year (October).

The Data Working Group will receive Pupil Progress Reports for the Pupil Premium cohort on a termly basis starting no later than January of the preceding financial year. The Data Working Group will report into the Teaching Learning and Achievement Committee in line with the timescales outlined in the Working Group's Terms of Reference.

Interventions and activities funded by the Pupil Premium will be tracked and evaluated to ensure impact is fully assessed and this information discussed by the Data Working Group. Discussions and preparatory work will begin no later than September for the following financial year.

The Data Working Group will be accountable for ensuring that an annual report is provided to parents on the use of the Pupil Premium. This will be made available on the schools website and publicised across the schools community during the autumn term of each academic year.

This policy was agreed by the Data Working Group on 14th January 2014

This policy will be reviewed and updated in May 2015.