

CURBAR PRIMARY SCHOOL
PUPIL PREMIUM SPENDING PLAN 2021-2022

What is it?

Pupil Premium is additional funding paid to schools in respect of their 'disadvantaged' pupils. These are children who have been registered for free school meals at any point in the last six years. It also includes those children who have been looked after continuously by the Local Authority for more than six months or who then become 'adopted from care'. Funding is also available for children of parents who are in the regular armed forces.

Why has it been introduced?

The Government believes that the Pupil Premium, which is additional to main school funding, is the best way to address the current underlying inequalities between children eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) and their peers by ensuring that funding to tackle disadvantage reaches the pupils who need it most. Whilst schools are free to spend the Pupil Premium as they see fit, we are required to publish online information about how we have used the funding and the impact that it has.

Our Approach at Curbar

At our school we recognise that each child is unique and will have different needs which may well vary throughout their time at our school. We believe that children who may have barriers to learning need support to perform as well as, or better than, their peers so that they can be successful in the next stage of their education and in their future career. High expectations and bespoke support are key to help remove the attainment gaps that can often develop between disadvantaged pupils and their peers.

Some of our pupils for whom the Pupil Premium provides support are working below the level of their peers and the school needs to continuously identify and refine the most appropriate support within our Pupil Premium strategy. There are also some pupils who are attaining at the same level or above that of their peers. We recognise the need to provide additional support or fund opportunities for all such pupils to improve and enhance their life and educational experiences during their time at Curbar. Our Pupil Premium strategy aims to achieve this.

In 2020 – 21, the school received £3960.00 in Pupil Premium funding. Please refer to the Pupil Primary Strategy March 2021 for details on how we aimed to use the funding.

How will the school measure the impact of Pupil Premium?

Teachers formatively assess pupils on a daily basis during the lessons and use this information to plan for next steps in learning. We 'summatively assess' at termly intervals throughout the year to measure attainment in reading, writing, maths and SPaG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar).

Teachers, the SENCo and Head Teacher are responsible for tracking the progress and attainment of all pupils including pupils eligible for the Pupil Premium funding. Pupil Progress Meetings at the end of each half term between teachers, the SENCo and Head Teacher monitor achievement, impact of strategies to support learning and well-being and allow any concerns to be addressed.

Attendance data is collected and monitored by the school on a half termly basis. Pupil Premium funding and the impact of the strategy is a regular item on the school governor meeting agendas.

The school also keeps up with educational research that supports creative approaches to supporting our 'disadvantaged' pupils such as the Education Endowment Fund (EEF).

Pupil Premium (Disadvantaged)

Please see the summary below of how we intend to spend the funding in 2021 - 22. We currently have 4 eligible pupils but this could rise as the year progresses and if some of our new reception pupils qualify for funding. The school receives annual funding of £1320 for Pupil Premium. The strategy is designed to be anonymous and it should not identify individual pupils thus it cannot comment on specific details.

	Currently receiving free school meals	Pupil Premium (Children who been eligible for free school meals at some point during the last 6 years)	Pupil Premium Plus (Looked After Children - £2300)	Total eligible pupils	Total Funding
Number of children	2	4	0	4	£5280
% of 69 children	2.9%	5.8%	-	5.8	

Chosen Action	Allocated budget
Staffing for Nurture (Woodland Group) – all children to access	£2488.20
Staffing for Forest School - all children to access	£1142.70
'Catch up' tutoring – all children to access	£1170.00
After School Extra Time Club	£200
Visits and residential visits	£200
Uniform	£200
Software programmes	£100
Total	£5500.90

This is a working strategy and is reviewed every term.