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Aims

We use the Pupil Premium to make strategic decisions that we believe will lead to improved performance amongst students eligible for the pupil premium, specifically in these areas:

- Improved attainment and progress
- Improved attendance and punctuality
- Reduce the number of fixed term exclusions
- Extend access and opportunity to extra-curricular provision
- Promote and enable inclusion in future education

Objectives for Pupil Premium at Stephenson Studio School

1. The Pupil Premium will be used to provide additional educational support to raise the standard of achievement for these students.
2. The funding will be used to narrow and close the gap between the achievement of these students and their peers.
3. As far as possible the school will use the additional funding to address any underlying inequalities between children eligible for the Pupil Premium Grant and others.
4. The school will ensure that the additional funding reaches the students who need it most and that it makes a significant impact on their education and lives.
5. The school will work closely with parents of pupil premium students to ensure that we collectively ensure the success of these students.

What is it Pupil Premium?

The Pupil Premium is government money designed to help disadvantaged children and young people do well at school. The funding is allocated to schools for children from Reception to Year 11 who have registered for free school meals in the last six years, are in care or have parents in the Armed Forces.

In 2015-16 the funding allocated is £935 per child, £300 for children of Armed Forces families. Schools will also receive £1,900 for each pupil who has left local-authority care because of 1 of the following:

- Adoption;
- A special guardianship order;
- A child arrangements order;
- A residence order.

How much Pupil Premium money does our school get?

The Pupil Premium for the 2014-15 school year was £20,110. The school's allocation for 2015-2016 is £22,440 until the end of March 2016. Information will be updated for the remainder of the academic year as soon as it is available.

How is the money spent?

At the moment this money is used to provide:

- 1-1 tuition and small group tuition for English, Maths and Science
- 1:1 and small group literacy support

- Personalised timetables, including work placements and College placements
- Staff Training
- A co-ordinated multi-agency approach; working with agencies such as, the school nurse,
- Children's Services and the Health Related Education Team
- Support for students both socially and emotionally
- Visits and links with universities and colleges
- Support for enrichment activities and trips
- A bursary of £150 per eligible student for parents to use for the purchase of books, equipment or uniform that support learning.

Progress and attainment data has been suppressed to protect the identity of qualifying students; however, disadvantaged students in receipt of Pupil Premium funding performed broadly in line with other students.

How will Parents know it is working?

We track all children's progress each half term, so we can quickly see if plans are working. If your child takes part in an intervention programme, we will also measure how they are doing at the start of the programme and at the end, so that we can see the difference. Parents' Evenings are also opportunities to discuss your child's progress.

Free School Meals

If you are unsure whether you are eligible to register for Free School Meals, you can visit www.education.gov.uk/schools/pupilsupport/pastoralcare/a00202841/fsmcriteria for information and guidance

Strategies

- Pupil Premium will be clearly identifiable within the budget.
- The Head teacher in consultation with the trustees, staff and parents, will decide how the
- Pupil Premium is spent for the benefit of entitled pupils
- The school will assess what additional provision should be made for the individual pupils.
- The school will be accountable for how it has used the additional funding to support the achievement of those pupils covered by the Pupil Premium and the Head teacher will report
- to the governing body and parents on how effective the intervention has been in achieving its aims.
- We will publish online information annually about how we have used the Premium.
- We will ensure that parents, trustees and others are made fully aware of the attainment of pupils covered by the Premium.
- We will seek to further develop strategies and interventions which can improve the progress and attainment of these pupils.
- We will track the impact of the strategies put into place through the funding to ensure that we can show the value that has been added to the education of the entitled children.
- We will monitor, evaluate and review the success of the impact of the pupil premium funding.

Monitoring and Evaluating

We will be monitoring and evaluating the achievement of our Pupil Premium students as a distinct cohort through the use of 4matrix, attendance data and behaviour data.