St Leonard's
C of E Primary School

Pupil Premium Policy

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> ‘A new commandment I give you: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.’
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> **John 13:34**

With God’s help, we will be inclusive, independent, inquiring and inspirational.

- We will be inclusive by loving all and embracing differences so that all are treated with dignity and respect.
- We will be independent by persevering and encouraging everyone to be the best they can be, working together as a nurturing, Christian family.
- We will be inquiring by asking questions so that we grow in mind, body and spirit, learning about God’s wondrous, diverse world.
- We will be inspirational by following Jesus’ example, making a positive difference in the lives of others through love.

Introduction

At St Leonard’s CE Primary School, we are committed to ensuring that all pupils, regardless of their background or circumstances, have access to high-quality education and the opportunities they need to achieve their full potential.

We recognise that some children face additional barriers to learning and participation. Pupil Premium funding enables us to provide additional support to help overcome these barriers and ensure that every child can thrive both academically and personally.

We believe that all children should feel valued, included and supported to succeed.

What is Pupil Premium?

The Pupil Premium is additional funding provided by the Government to improve outcomes for disadvantaged pupils in schools in England.

Schools receive funding for pupils who:

- are currently eligible for Free School Meals (FSM)
- have been eligible for Free School Meals at any point in the last six years (Ever 6 FSM)
- are looked after by a local authority
- were previously looked after by a local authority and have since been adopted, become subject to a Special Guardianship Order or Child Arrangements Order
- are eligible for Service Pupil Premium funding through parental service in the armed forces

Our aims

We use Pupil Premium funding to:

- improve academic achievement and progress
- remove barriers to learning
- support attendance and engagement
- promote positive wellbeing and emotional health
- increase access to enrichment opportunities and wider experiences
- raise aspirations and confidence
- ensure disadvantaged pupils achieve outcomes that are in line with, or better than, their peers

Our Approach

High-quality teaching is at the heart of our strategy. Research consistently shows that high-quality classroom practice has the greatest impact on improving outcomes for disadvantaged pupils.

We recognise that disadvantage affects children in different ways and that there is no single approach that works for every child. Our decisions are therefore based on careful assessment of individual needs rather than assumptions.

Some pupils may experience barriers such as:

- gaps in language, reading, writing or mathematics
- lower confidence or self-esteem
- social, emotional or mental health needs
- special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)
- attendance difficulties
- safeguarding or welfare concerns
- limited access to enrichment opportunities outside school

Support is carefully planned to meet identified needs and may include targeted academic interventions, pastoral support, attendance support, enrichment opportunities and additional resources.

Identifying Need

The progress, attainment and wellbeing of all pupils are reviewed regularly.

Class teachers, senior leaders and support staff work together to identify pupils who may require additional support. Progress and provision are reviewed through regular pupil progress meetings to ensure that support is targeted effectively and remains responsive to pupils' changing needs.

All staff share responsibility for improving outcomes for disadvantaged pupils.

Free School Meals and Pupil Premium

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and receives Universal Infant Free School Meals, it is still important to register for benefits-related Free School Meals if you think you may be eligible.
Registering may enable the school to receive additional Pupil Premium funding, which helps us provide further support for pupils.
For the latest eligibility criteria and application process, please visit:
https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals/

Alternatively, please contact the school office for help and advice.

Further Information

Please see our **Pupil Premium Strategy Statement** for details of:

- current funding allocations
- identified barriers to learning
- planned expenditure
- intended outcomes
- impact of previous spending
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This document is available on the school website and is reviewed every 3 years.