



Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School

Pupil Premium Policy

Overview:

The pupil premium is a government initiative that targets extra money at pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds. Research shows that pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds underachieve compared to their non-disadvantaged peers. The premium is provided to enable these pupils to be supported to reach their potential.

The Government has used pupils entitled to free school meals (FSM), looked after children and service children as indicators of deprivation, and have provided a fixed amount of money for schools per pupil based on the number of pupils registered for FSM over a rolling six year period. At Fenstanton and Hilton we will be using the indicator of those eligible for FSM as well as identified vulnerable groups as our target children to increase attainment.

Context:

When making decisions about using pupil premium funding it is important to consider the context of the school and the subsequent challenges faced. Common barriers for FSM children can be less support at home, weak language and communication skills, lack of confidence, more frequent behaviour difficulties, and attendance and punctuality issues. There may also be complex family situations that prevent children from flourishing. The challenges are varied and there is no "one size fits all".

Objectives:

- The Pupil Premium will be used to provide additional educational support to improve the progress and to raise the standard of achievement for these pupils.
- The funding will be used to narrow and close the gap between the achievements of these pupils and their peers.
- As far as its powers allow, the school will use the additional funding to address any underlying inequalities between children eligible for Pupil Premium and others.
- We will ensure that the additional funding reaches the pupils who need it most and that it makes an impact on their education and lives.

Strategies:

- Pupil Premium will be clearly identifiable within the budget.
- The Headteacher, in consultation with governors and staff, will decide how the Pupil Premium is spent for 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 additional funding to support the achievement of those pupils covered by the Pupil Premium and this will be reported to the governing body and parents in how effective the intervention has been in achieving its aims.
- The school will publish online how the Pupil Premium has been spent and document the attainment of pupils covered by the Premium, without making those pupils identifiable.
- 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 entitled pupils.
- We will monitor, evaluate and review the success of the impact of Pupil Premium funding.

Outcomes:

This policy will play an important part in the educational development of the individual pupils who are entitled to Pupil Premium. We will ensure that these pupils are treated equally and as favourably as others and that additional funding is used well to address the challenges they face. The school will use the additional funding to promote the achievement and progress of all entitled pupils. As a result of the additional funding, these pupils will make better progress and achieve higher standards that wouldn't have been likely without it.

Raising the awareness of this policy:

Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School will raise awareness of this policy via:

- The school website
- Meetings with parents
- School events
- Meetings with school staff
- Head Teacher's reports

Application for Pupil Premium:

Appendix 1 provides the relevant information for how to apply for pupil premium.

Monitoring the effectiveness of this policy**Review of Procedure:**

This policy and procedure shall be subject to periodic review and may be changed annually.

Management of policy:

The Governors and Headteacher have the overall responsibility for the maintenance and operation of this policy.

Appendix 1:

Funding is available to help **your** child

Pupil Premium

Your child could be eligible to receive additional funding through their school to help them achieve more!



Additional in-class support

Educational trips and visits



Breakfast/after school clubs

Special interest activities



Healthy free school meals

For eligibility and how to apply, visit
cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals



The funding is called

Pupil Premium

It couldn't be simpler to check your child's eligibility.

All that is needed is for you, as parents and carers, to provide just four pieces of information to your child's school directly on their admission form.

- > Your Name
- > Your Date of Birth
- > Your National Insurance Number
- > A signed declaration

This will be securely passed to the Education Welfare Benefits (EWB) service who will check entitlement.

The funding ranges from £935 for secondary age children, and £1,300 for primary age children, and this is currently payable for 6 years. Your child's school will use this money to support your child and help them to do well at school. The school will keep records and monitor how the money has had an impact.

Next step: Get in contact with the school to ask for their admission form, so the check can be made.

For more information about Pupil Premium and eligibility you can call **01223 703200**

or email pupil.premium@cambridgeshire.gov.uk