

Pupil Premium Strategy 2017-18

Introduction:

Pupil Premium was introduced by the government in 2011-2012 as an additional contribution to main school funding in order for schools to

'Address the current underlying inequalities between children eligible for free school meals (FSM) and their wealthier peers by ensuring that funding to tackle disadvantage reaches the pupils who need it most' DfE April 2012

Pupil Premium is allocated to children from low-income families who are currently known to be eligible for free school meals (FSM) and children who have been looked after continuously for more than six months. A premium has also been introduced for children whose parents are currently serving in the armed forces.

Pupil Premium funding was extended in 2012-2013 to include funding for children who have been eligible for free school meals (FSM) at any point in the last 6 years (Ever6).

The money from the pupil premium allocation to schools should be used to fund more effective teaching for pupils from poor backgrounds, helping them to do better, and other initiatives, such as enrichment programmes, extension classes and to pay staff overtime.

How we will use Pupil Premium:

Evidence suggests that pupils in receipt of free school meals suffer disadvantage in a wide range of aspects of education. Success in literacy and numeracy is often less forthcoming (with consequential effects on all other subject/topic learning), and financial constraints may result in parents being able to offer fewer opportunities for children to experience wider and more challenging environments, activities and settings. It is our intention to overcome such disadvantage through appropriate use of Pupil Premium monies.

In **2017/2018** Gnosall St Lawrence CE Primary Academy expects to receive Pupil Premium of **£22440.00** in respect of 16 children. This will be used to:

- employ Teaching Assistants to work with all pupil premium children, either one-to-one or in small groups, on intervention work on identified targets. We will know if this is successful through thorough analysis of half termly outcomes, when we measure the achievements of those in receipt of pupil premium against the rest of the school. All children receiving pupil premium are monitored very closely in terms of their attainment and progress to ensure that the pupil premium is supporting them to achieve.
- provide financial support for families in receipt of free school meals via full payment of all residential trips, extra-curricular activities and educational visits, in order to ensure full exposure to the enrichment, as well as the entitlement, curriculum. Thus pupils' self-esteem, confidence and wellbeing are supported.

Responsibility for this strategy rests with the Senior Management Team and will be reviewed in September 2018.