

PUPIL PREMIUM 2020-2021

What is Pupil Premium?

The Pupil Premium is additional funding for publicly funded schools in England to raise the attainment of disadvantaged pupils of all abilities and to close the gaps between them and their peers.

It is for schools and Headteachers to decide how the Pupil Premium, allocated to schools per Free School Meal pupil, is spent as they are best placed to assess what additional provision should be made for the individual pupils within their responsibility [source DfE website].

The Pupil Premium is a sum of money in the school's budget based on the number of children who are either looked after by the Local Authority, who are known to be eligible for free school meals either now or in the past six years or who have a parents in the armed force.

Pupil Premium helps the school provide targeted support for disadvantaged children. The intended effect of this funding is to accelerate progress and raise attainment. The needs of the children eligible for Pupil Premium funding vary considerably and so the funding is used in a variety of ways and allocated following a needs analysis. We therefore use Pupil Premium funding to accelerate progress to reduce attainment gaps and to build confidence and self-esteem.

At Rushcombe First School, we aim to ensure that teaching and learning opportunities meet the needs of all our pupils. Rushcombe First School allocates Pupil Premium using a needs analysis to provide support for these children who are likely to make less than expected progress.

Pupil Premium received

Financial Year	Pupil Premium Funding - £
2014 – 2015	6,400
2015 – 2016	11,320
2016 – 2017	16,740
2017 – 2018	21,600
2018 - 2019	11,610 to date
2019 – 2020	20,280.00
2020 – 2021	32,415.00 forecasted

Expenditure

During the academic year 2014-15, funding was used to provide:

- one to one targeted support where required with a specialist teacher
- small group ELSA sessions
- one to one ELSA support
- extracurricular activities
- parental information sessions on for instance helping children read.

During the academic year 2015-2016, funding was used to provide:

- one to one targeted support where required with a specialist teacher
- extracurricular activities
- parental information sessions/workshops on for instance helping children to read/develop phonic knowledge
- training for a new ELSA
- one to one ELSA support
- additional targeted in class support
- whole school training session with a specialist behaviour teacher on attachment disorder
- uniform, PE kit and reading bags to individual pupils

- External school visitors
- Detailed assessments of the needs of specific children.

During the academic year 2016-2017, funding was used to provide:

- one to one targeted support where required with a specialist teacher
- extracurricular activities e.g. after school clubs
- parental information sessions/workshops on for instance helping children to read/develop phonic knowledge
- additional targeted in class support
- additional intervention with a teacher
- whole school training session from LAC Team on attachment disorder
- uniform, PE kit and reading bags to individual pupils
- external school visitors
- detailed assessments of the needs of specific children.

During the academic year 2017–2018, funding was used to provide:

- one to one targeted support where required with a specialist teacher
- extracurricular activities e.g. after school clubs
- parental information sessions/workshops on for instance helping children to read/develop phonic knowledge
- additional targeted in class support
- additional intervention with a teacher
- uniform, PE kit and reading bags to individual pupils
- external school visitors
- detailed assessments of the needs of specific children.

During the academic year 2018-2019, funding was used to provide:

- one to one targeted support where required with a specialist teacher
- extracurricular activities e.g. after school clubs
- parental information sessions/workshops on for instance helping children to read/develop phonic knowledge
- additional targeted in class support
- additional intervention with a teacher
- whole school specialist training session in therapeutic play
- uniform, PE kit and reading bags to individual pupils
- external school visitors
- detailed assessments of the needs of specific children.

During the academic year 2019-2020, funding was used to provide:

- one to one targeted/small group support where required with a specialist teacher
- extracurricular activities for example, after school clubs
- parental information sessions/workshops, for instance on helping children to read/develop phonic knowledge
- additional targeted in class support
- additional intervention with a teacher/specialist teaching assistant
- uniform, PE kit and reading bags to individual pupils
- external school visitors
- detailed assessments of the needs of specific children

Note: Due to the exceptional circumstances of COVID-19 pandemic, aspects of practice and priorities were adapted to meet the needs of children and their families including the provision of home learning, emotional and mental health guidance, financial and family support.

During the academic year 2020-2021, funding has been initially allocated to provide:

- one to one targeted/small group support where required with a specialist teacher
- parental information to help children to develop phonic knowledge and reading skills
- additional targeted in class support
- additional intervention with a teacher/specialist teaching assistant
- uniform, PE kit and reading bags to individual pupils
- additional support to identify and address the learning needs and progress of those who require “catch up” following the national school closures
- detailed assessments of the needs of specific children

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What has been the impact of the Pupil Premium funding overall?

Pupil Premium has contributed to:

- positive end of Key Stage results
- pupil progress
- improved pupil confidence and self esteem
- increased engagement in learning
- increased extracurricular opportunities for pupils
- increased support and guidance for families.

At Rushcombe First School, we believe that this progress is due to:

- our high aspirations
- our focus on highly quality teaching throughout the school,
- our focus on reading skills
- our rigorous tracking of pupil progress
- our engaging learning adventures
- our targeted support, and
- our whole school approach and leadership

To ensure our Pupil Premium children are not easily identifiable, some of the more detailed aspects of Pupil Premium information are not published on the website.