

Pupil Premium Information

You may have heard about a government initiative called the Pupil Premium which is aimed at supporting disadvantaged children to overcome obstacles to learning. Here at St. George's we have been working from 2012 to the present to build a coherent structure of support and intervention to help pupils and their parents benefit from this investment of money. As money becomes available we will continue to develop new ways of supporting pupils through the careful expenditure of the money.

Below is laid out the investments we have made so far. If you believe that your child could benefit from this investment but you have not claimed for Free School Meals then it is not too late. We can give advice and help if needed. It benefits children and it benefits the school. We have an excellent culture of privacy and respect in school pupils; in addition, our approach to data protection means that all information relating to any students is handled professionally by staff employed to support the pupils and is never shared inappropriately.

It is a requirement that all parents and stakeholders are aware of how the Pupil Premium is allocated and spent within St. George's. There will be regular updates on the website to tell others how we are doing with the pupil premium money. Advice also suggests that parents and staff are familiar and comfortable in discussing pupil premium with OFSTED inspectors during any visit.

What is the Pupil Premium? Who is it aimed at?

Pupil Premium Grant is allocated to help children who may have obstacles to learning due to family financial difficulties. Therefore, a key criterion for calculating the amount given to school is the number of children on Free School Meals.

How much is the Pupil Premium Grant?

In the year 2013/2014 St. George's School has been allocated £27,300.

Our interventions will be evaluated to see if there is a clear impact on progress. None of this work on the pupil progress agenda will jeopardise the intervention work already carried out across the school to raise all pupils' progress and their final outcomes. We remain dedicated to the idea that as many of our young people should be pushing to achieve the highest levels they can.

How do we ensure it goes to the right pupils?

The DfE, the Local Authority and the school all have data to enable us to compile a list of pupils eligible for pupil premium. Our staff have compiled tables that show this group subdivided into individual year groups. Using these tables we are able to track progress and record interventions with individual children.

How are we spending the money?

1. We are currently training a member of staff to become a learning mentor. She will keep accurate records and develop ways of supporting pupils to become more confident and focused in their work.
2. Our Higher Level Teaching Assistants also support groups of pupils across the school. Additionally, they are used to release class teachers thereby providing the opportunity for staff to monitor, assess and track individual pupil progress.
3. The school 'buys in' to a range of specialist support services including Special Educational Needs [SEN] agencies. Our pupil premium is used to target children identified as requiring support to ensure they progress in line with other children both within our school and nationally.
4. St. George's School runs a lunchtime club, for identified pupils, which offers a range of activities. The aim of this club is to ensure our children return to the classroom at the end of break, enthusiastic and ready to learn.
5. Music lessons are well attended by pupils who are in receipt of pupil premium.
6. At St. George's school there is a qualified teacher supporting pupils identified as requiring additional support with their learning. Pupil premium funding ensures we monitor and target identified children.
7. Booster reading sessions are funded via our Pupil premium monies.