

# Pupil Premium



**Information for Parents**

**2015-2016**

## **What is the Pupil Premium?**

The Pupil Premium was introduced by the Government in April 2011. It is a grant designed to give additional money to support schools in raising the attainment of disadvantaged children.

It has been identified nationally that these children under-perform in comparison with children from less disadvantaged backgrounds. The purpose of the Pupil Premium is to help schools to provide targeted support for these children.

The Government does not prescribe how schools should use the funding, schools decide this for themselves. Schools are however accountable for how the money is being spent and required to publish this information, along with the impact it is having on pupil achievement, online each year.

In the 2015 to 2016 financial year, schools will receive £1,320 per eligible pupil (£1,900 for Looked-After pupils and £300 for service children). Currently approximately 7% of our pupils are eligible for the Pupil Premium grant.

At Altrincham CE Aided Primary School we constantly strive towards raising the attainment of *all* pupils. Through excellent teaching and learning, and high expectations, we are committed to ensuring that *all* children make the best possible progress.

## **Who receives the Pupil Premium?**

Pupil Premium is allocated to pupils who:

- receive free school meals (FSM)
- have received free school meals at any time in the last 6 years (FSM Ever 6)
- have a parent serving in the armed forces
- are looked-after (LAC)

## **How is the Pupil Premium funding allocated?**

Here are some of the ways the Pupil Premium grant is currently being spent at Altrincham CE Aided Primary School:

- 1:1 literacy or numeracy support
- Small group literacy or numeracy support
- 'Challenge' groups for more able pupils
- Extra-curricular activities (one club per week)
- School trips (up to £100 per academic year)
- Musical instrument hire and tuition
- Teaching and learning resources
- Junior fruit scheme
- Daily milk scheme
- After school homework club
- Small group and 1:1 nurture support
- Individualised support (uniform, hair brush and bobbles, PE kit etc)

### **How effective has this extra spending been?**

The impact of the Pupil Premium funding is closely monitored by the Head teacher, the Governing Body and the Pupil Premium Coordinator. Tracking of progress over time for each pupil is thorough so we can quickly identify any dips and develop strategies and interventions to promote improvement.

A wide range of data is regularly collected and used – achievement data, pupil’s work, observations etc. Our data currently reflects that, where attainment gaps do exist between disadvantaged pupils and their peers, these areas are being targeted effectively and the attainment gap narrowed.

### **Are you entitled to apply for free school meals?**

If you receive any of the following benefits you will be able to claim free school meals for your children:

- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit

The process of applying for free school meals is quick, easy and confidential. You just need to telephone Trafford Council on 0161 912 3265 with your National Insurance number, date of birth, name and child’s details and an eligibility check can be carried out using the Department for Education’s Eligibility Checking System.

Alternatively you can apply online at

<http://www.trafford.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schools/freeschoolmeals/>

Children do not have to take up their entitlement for a free meal but Local Authorities and schools strongly recommend they do – otherwise they could be missing out on extra support that could help them to fully reach their potential.

### **Where can you find out more?**

If you have any questions about the Pupil Premium, please feel free to contact the Head Teacher or Susie Hornby (Pupil Premium Coordinator) on 0161 928 7288.

Further information is also available on the following websites:

<http://altrinchamceprimaryschool.co.uk/pupil-premium>

<http://www.education.gov.uk/schools/pupilsupport/premium>

