

Pupil Premium Strategy

What is Pupil Premium?

The Pupil Premium is additional money allocated to the academy for children of statutory school age from low-income families who are known to be eligible for Free school meals (FSM) and to children who have been looked after continuously for more than six months.

Context of Academy

The academy serves an area of very high social deprivation. The Local Authority index of deprivation places the school amongst the most deprived in the authority on all indicators. We are in the highest school deprivation indicator percentile in RAISE (0.39) Our free school meals is well above national averages and in the highest percentile on RAISE. The vast majority of pupils are White British with a very small minority speaking English as an additional language. Stability is variable and we have a few pupils who join or leave throughout the year. School assessments show that pupil's attainment on entry is very significantly lower than expected for their age. The weakest area is communication, language and literacy, particularly speech and language development.

Thus, many of our children and their parents/carers are in homes where there is a considerable amount of disadvantage and require a high level of nurture and support. A significant number of our children and their families are involved with family services or other agencies and supported through CP, CIN or TAC.

Strategy for the Academy's use of Pupil Premium

At Grange Lane we believe that no pupil should be left behind and adopt a "keep up not catch up" philosophy. To this end we ensure on a daily basis that all pupils have the necessary support in order for them to meet their individual targets and reach their potential and make progress from their various starting points. Underpinning everything we do here is a belief that no barrier is too difficult to overcome. Everyone at Grange Lane is committed to caring for all our children, regardless of ability, background or culture and to matching provision to the child. It is our aim to ensure that every child is able to enjoy healthy and fulfilling lives. To this end, Grange Lane has developed very effective working relationships with other support agencies; professionals; community groups and academies within the Delta group. We have also developed very good and consistent engagement with parents including regular family learning sessions which are attended by the vast majority of parents/carers. We review the school's pupil premium strategy on a yearly basis (next review Autumn 2017).

Objectives of Pupil Premium Spending

To provide high quality teaching and learning experiences for all children to overcome educational disadvantage and deprivation.

To diminish the differences for vulnerable and disadvantaged pupils through targeted intervention and support.

To provide an exciting curriculum which provides a wide range of "first hand" learning experiences to broaden our children's knowledge and experience of the world around them.

To provide a wide range of extra-curricular activities to broaden children's learning experiences and to foster and develop each child's interests and talents.

Accelerate progress with the aim of all Pupil Premium and looked after pupils making more than expected progress during the academic year

Close the attainment of pupils compared to national data and PP/LAC pupils
Achieve or exceed expected progress from EYFS to end KS1