



PUPIL PREMIUM POLICY

Calstock Community Primary School

Calstock Community Primary School has 67 pupils on roll from 4-11 and is a smaller than average-sized primary school. Its pupils are drawn from a mixed catchment area that includes the immediate parish village of Calstock, as well as other small, rural hamlets. The school's multiple deprivation rank is 18,948 out of 32,844, which places it in the most deprived 60% of schools nationally. As of autumn 2022, there were 11 Pupil Premium children in the school (EYFS-6): 11 Free School Meals/Ever Six, 0 Service Children and 0 Adopted from Care. This means that the school currently has 13 % of children who are eligible for Pupil Premium funding.

In the financial year 2022-2023 we received £15,235 of Pupil Premium funding overall.

In 2022/23 the level of premium is £1,385 per pupil known to be eligible for Free School Meals or for those who have received Free School Meals in the last 6 years (Ever 6). Children in care and adopted children receive £2,410 and children whose parents served or are serving in the Armed Forces receive £320.

Current projections suggest we will be receiving £14,550. A more detailed account of spending and provision can be found in the school's Pupil Premium Strategy Statement, which is updated annually, or as and when appropriate (e.g. pupil mobility). Pupil specific information is tracked through class inclusion plans.

The DFE has given us the freedom to use the Pupil Premium as we see fit, based upon our knowledge of our pupil needs.

'It is for schools to decide how the Pupil Premium, allocated to schools per FMS pupil, is spent, since they are best placed to assess what additional provisions should be made for the individual pupils within their responsibility.

However, we are accountable for the use of this additional funding.

THE PUPIL PREMIUM

The Pupil Premium is additional funding which is allocated to schools on the basis of the number of pupils who have been eligible for free school meals (FSM) at any point over the last six years (known as 'Ever 6 FSM'). The Pupil Premium is aimed at addressing the current underlying inequalities which exist between children from disadvantaged backgrounds and their more affluent peers.

The Pupil Premium also provides funding for children who have been looked after continuously for more than six months, are in care, are adopted or are the children of service personnel.

PURPOSE OF THE PUPIL PREMIUM POLICY

The purpose of this policy is to outline how we will ensure that the Pupil Premium allocated to us has an impact on narrowing the attainment gaps which currently exist between our disadvantaged pupils and their peers.

As the school in receipt of Pupil Premium funding, we are accountable to our parents and the school community for how we are using this additional resource to narrow the achievement gaps of our pupils. New measures have been included in the performance tables published annually on a national level. They capture the achievement of disadvantage pupils covered by the Pupil Premium.

We are aware that under The School Information (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2012, Schedule 4 there is specified information which has to be published on a school's website.

Section 9 of this regulation requires schools to publish "The amount of the school's allocation from the Pupil Premium grant in respect of the current academic year; details of how the previous academic year's allocation was spent, and the effect of this expenditure on the educational attainment of those pupils at the school in respect of whom grant funding was allocated."

Through this policy we shall publish the above information. In this requirement we will observe our continuing responsibilities under the Data Protection Act 1988, so that individuals or groups of individuals, including children funded through the Service Premium cannot be identified.

HOW WE WILL MAKE DECISIONS REGARDING THE USE OF THE PUPIL PREMIUM

In making decisions on the use of the Pupil Premium we will:

- Ensure that Pupil Premium funding allocated to our school is used solely for its intended purpose.
- We also recognise that the Direct Schools Grant (DSG) has an element of deprivation funding included in it to address the attainment of our disadvantaged pupils.
- Use the latest evidence-based research on proven strategies to identify need and narrow well-being and attainment gaps. We adapt these as necessary to meet the needs of our pupils.
- Be transparent in the reporting of how we have used the Pupil Premium, so that our parents, interested stakeholders and Ofsted are fully aware of how this additional resource has been used to make a difference.
- Encourage take up of FSM by working proactively with our parents and carers in a sensitive and supportive manner and to remove any potential barriers or stigma attached to claiming FSM. In doing so, we also recognise the vital role that parents and carers play in the lives of their children.
- Be mindful of the fact that eligibility and take up of FSM does not equate with pupils being considered to be of "low ability" because of their social circumstances.
- Ensure there is robust monitoring and evaluation in place to account for the use of the Pupil Premium, by the school and governing body.

- Recognise the fact that FSM pupils are not a homogeneous group and cover a wide range of needs. As such the strategies we use to raise attainment will take these groups and individual needs fully into account.
- Use high quality teaching and learning as the preferred way to narrow the gaps in attainment in the first instance. We will also use high quality interventions with proven evidence of impact to assist our pupils who need additional support in a time limited way.
- Use the Pupil Premium for all year groups, not just those taking statutory assessments at the end of the year.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE POLICY

This policy is part of our commitment to reducing inequalities in outcomes and promoting the inclusive nature of the work we do at our school.

In developing this policy we have taken into account our statutory responsibilities in meeting the requirements of the Equality Act 2010. The Equality Act 2012 requires us as a public organisation to comply with the Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) and two specific duties. Further information is available in our school's Equality Single Equality Scheme. The overlap with our Equality Scheme is in relation to how we are meeting the needs of our pupils, who are covered under the "protected characteristics" of the Equality Act. Some of these pupils, especially minority ethnic, English as an additional language, Special Educational Needs and pupils with disabilities, can suffer from higher rates of disadvantage and therefore can have higher rates of eligibility from FSM. Where this is the case, we shall take these additional needs to account.

When developing this Pupil Premium Policy, we have also taken into account the most current Ofsted Inspection Framework, which places a strong focus on improving the learning and progress of different groups and on narrowing gaps of standards. We also note that Ofsted has a statutory duty to report on the outcomes and provision for the pupils who are disabled and those who have special educational needs.

LINKS TO OTHER POLICIES AND DOCUMENTATION

Although this policy is the key document outlining our approach to narrowing the gaps in attainment and achievement for our disadvantaged pupils, we will however, ensure that information about our responsibilities under the Equality Act 2010 for the other pupils for whom narrowing the gap remains an issue but are not covered by the Pupil Premium, are also included in key documents such as our federation long-term plan for growth and development (LPGD), self-evaluation review, school website and newsletters.

There will also be references to disadvantaged pupils in our relationships and behaviour policy, admissions, SEND and anti-bullying policies, as well as minutes of meetings involving governors, the whole staff, senior leadership and the school council.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

We expect all members of our school community, particularly staff and governors to be committed to raising standards and narrowing the attainment gaps for our pupils.

The Executive Headteacher and Senior Leadership Team

The Executive Headteacher is responsible for implementing this policy. They will ensure that all staff are aware of their responsibilities in narrowing the gaps of our pupils. They will also ensure that staff are given appropriate support and relevant professional development opportunities to accelerate pupil's progress and attainment. Through performance management arrangements, they will make sure that narrowing the gaps is a priority area of focus for the school.

It will be the responsibility of the Executive Headteacher to include the following information in the annual report for the Governors:

- the progress made towards narrowing the gap, by year group, for disadvantaged pupils
- an outline of the provision that has been made since the last annual report
- an evaluation of the cost effectiveness, in terms of the progress made by the pupils receiving a particular provision, when compared with other forms of support

Rachel Moore has day to day responsibilities for coordinating the implementation of this policy and monitoring outcomes. She has expert and informed knowledge of evidence based research of "what works" and "how" this works in the narrowing the gaps. She knows how to customise this research to fit the needs of our pupils and school context.

Rachel Moore and Judith Maunder (School Business Manager) will monitor the use of the Pupil Premium on a half-termly basis to track the allocation and use of the Pupil Premium funding. She will also check to see that it is providing value for money.

Teaching and Support Staff will:

- maintain the highest expectations of all pupils and not equate disadvantage of circumstance with "low ability"
- promote an inclusive and collaborative ethos in their classrooms which enable pupils from disadvantages backgrounds to thrive
- plan and deliver curricula and lessons to a high standard and support the acceleration of progress in learning, so that gaps can be narrowed and improvements maintained
- support disadvantage groups of pupils in their class through differentiated planning and teaching, especially for those who find aspects of learning difficult and are in danger of falling behind
- Keep up-to-date with teaching strategies and research, which have a proven track record in narrowing the gaps in attainment and achievement

We will provide opportunities for staff to engage in a range of professional development opportunities suited to their particular needs and role. This will support them in implementing successful strategies to accelerate progress of pupils and narrow the gaps.

Governing Body

Our governing body has an important role in ensuring our school complies with legislation and that this policy, along with its specific stated actions for narrowing the gaps is implemented. Nicola Jonas (Pupil Premium Governor) is responsible for ensuring the implementation of this policy.

Our governing body will at least termly, keep our work in narrowing the gaps under review so they can monitor the use of the Pupil Premium. In monitoring and evaluating the work of the school in relation to the Pupil Premium, the governing body will take into account a range of information, including quantitative (data on progress and attainment) and qualitative (case studies, views, surveys etc.) data as evidence of impact.

At the end of the academic year, our Governors will ensure that there is an annual statement to parents on how the Pupil Premium funding has been used to address the issue of narrowing the gaps in our school and the impact this has had.

KEY CONTACTS

Ben Towe (Executive Headteacher)
Rachel Moore (Pupil Premium Lead)
Shona McCombie (Pupil Premium Governor)

MONITORING AND REVIEWING THE POLICY

Our work in relation to the Pupil Premium will be reviewed on a termly basis to ensure it is having the intended impact in narrowing the gaps. This will allow us to make adjustments if particular strategies are not working well, rather than leaving things to the end of the year.

Our Pupil Premium Policy will be reviewed on an annual basis and adjustments will be made to it according to the impact the school is having in narrowing the gaps. It will also take into consideration the increased funding that becomes available under the Pupil Premium Grant. We recognise the importance of context and will evaluate new strategies as robustly as possible to ensure that the approaches we are using have the desired effect. In order to do this effectively, we will where relevant, undertake on-going evaluations of the strategies we are using, such as that outlined in

Our annual review will involve staff, pupils, governors and parents and carers.

DISSEMINATING THE POLICY

This Pupil Premium policy along with the details of the actions will be published:

- on our website (with paper copies available on request in the school office)
- in newsletters for parents and carers

We will also use other methods and occasions such as parents' evenings and assemblies, as appropriate, to share information about the Pupil Premium

APPEALS PROCEDURE

Any appeals against this policy can be made through the governor's complaints procedure.

This policy was reviewed in October 2023 and is reviewed on an annual basis.