



Pupil Premium Policy 2017/18

What is the Pupil Premium Grant?

The Pupil Premium Grant is allocated to children from low-income families who are, or have been, eligible for free school meals (FSM), within the last six years (Ever 6). The grant is also made available to support children of service personnel and those who are looked after by the local authority (LAC).

What are our aims for the Pupil Premium Grant?

The aim of the Pupil Premium is to identify and implement strategies that help to reduce the attainment gap between the most and least disadvantaged pupils nationally. Through the strong communication in place with our feeder schools and the baseline tests we carry out upon arrival at BSW, we know the starting point of every student and can therefore monitor how effectively they are making progress. At BSW the Pupil Premium is used to fund interventions which narrow the gap and secure the key skills needed to succeed in life. These are, of course, based around literacy and numeracy, but we believe that a love of learning and reading only comes from nurturing the whole child. Creativity, an enquiring mind, independence and resilience are crucial skills we nurture through a tailored curriculum. In order to ensure these vital skills and attributes are accessed by all of our students, we utilise various strategies from small group interventions through to the dedicated work of our Achievement Co-ordinators.

Ensuring Equality of Access to the Curriculum

The desire to make learning feel different goes beyond the classroom through our curriculum trips and residential experiences. Providing for the talents and interests of young people is crucial to their learning journey and the Pupil Premium enables Bohunt School Wokingham to ensure all students can access Year 7 camp, trips, music tuition, and further resources in the arts and sports. Reading regularly is crucial to success and so we offer greater time in English lessons for students to simply develop their confidence and interest in this crucial activity. We ensure that all our students can benefit from innovative teaching and technology therefore the Pupil Premium provides funding for our 1:1 iPad scheme. The high quality staff at BSW are known for building excellent relationships with the students so that barriers to learning are removed.

How do we decide how to spend the Pupil Premium Grant?

In deciding how to use our Pupil Premium Grant, we draw upon the following sources:

- Sutton Trust report: "The Pupil Premium: Next Steps" [available here.](#)
- Education Endowment Foundation Teaching and Learning Toolkit, [available here.](#)
- Research on disadvantaged pupils and the vocabulary gap, [available here.](#)
- Our combined professional experience of what works best

For the academic year 2017/2018 we will receive £47, 210 of Pupil Premium Grant funding in total.

Example areas of expenditure

Provision of Lexia programme on students iPads to support PPG students with low levels of literacy.

Provision of small group maths tutoring to support PPG students making 1 or 2 levels less than expected progress

Subsidy for Year 7 whole year group residential visit to Operation encounter.

Subsidy for House trips

Subsidy for FSM and for other PPG of year 8 group residential visit to Belgium to look at the Battlefields from WWI.

Provision of school uniform

Support for extra curricular activities and music tuition.

Ingredients for food technology lessons and food and cookery club

Provision of spelling intervention groups for PPG students with low spelling ages compared with their biological age.

Provision of group social and communication interventions with those PPG students identified as struggling to settle or make friends in Year 7.

Provision or the loan of an iPad that students may take home and use until they leave us

Monitoring and Review

The Plans and budgets for Pupil Premium are reviewed on an annual basis, and interventions, and impact reported to the governors.

- Review of the progress of the cohort of the FSM students' performance and progress in 2017/18 takes place each term.
- Every student has an individual support plan, reviewed termly
- There is individual monitoring of attendance, Attitudes to Learning (ATLs) and Progress Grades of the students registered as FSM/Ever 6.