

Pupil Premium Funding at Mortimer St. John's CE Infant School

The Pupil Premium Fund is an allocation of additional funding provided to schools to support specific groups of children who are vulnerable to possible underachievement. The intended effect of this funding is to accelerate progress, raise attainment and support the pupils in the participation of activities in the wider curriculum.

Universal Infant Free School Meals

From September 2014 all pupils in reception, year 1 and year 2 in state-funded schools in England should be offered a Universal Infant Free School Meal (UIFSM).

Pupils who are eligible to provide Pupil Premium Funding to the school fall into three categories.

Pupil Premium Funding

Due to the allocation of UIFSM to all Infant children the criteria of Pupil Premium Funding is based to the following receipt of benefits their parents or carers are eligible for:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided they are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190, as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- During the initial roll out of the benefit, Universal Credit

Children Looked After

Children looked after by the local authority qualify for pupil premium from the Reception year through to year 11 and when a child becomes looked after continuously for six months during the financial year. From April 2014, under the 'pupil premium plus' they will be funded from their first day in care.

The Service Premium

The Service Premium criteria includes children whose parent or parents have been in the armed forces (from or since 2011). It has been expanded to include children whose parents are no longer in the armed forces or where parents have divorced and of children who have had parents that have been killed in action.

The pupil premium is allocated to schools to decide how the additional funding should be spent, since they are best placed to assess what additional provision should be made for the individual pupils.

All schools are required to report on the amount of funding received, how this is being allocated and the impact of any additional support or provision.

All matters regarding the use of Pupil Premium funds are treated with discretion and in confidence.

For more information on the Pupil Premium, please visit:

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

Principles

- We ensure that teaching and learning opportunities meet the needs of all of the pupils.
- We ensure that appropriate provision is made for pupils who belong to vulnerable groups, this includes ensuring that the needs of socially disadvantaged pupils are adequately assessed and addressed.
- In making provision for socially disadvantaged pupils, we recognise that not all pupils who receive free school meals will be socially disadvantaged.
- We also recognise that not all pupils who are socially disadvantaged are registered or qualify for free school meals. We reserve the right to allocate the Pupil Premium funding to support any pupil or groups of pupils the school has legitimately identified as being socially disadvantaged.
- Pupil premium funding will be allocated following a needs analysis which will identify priority classes, groups or individuals. Limited funding and resources means that not all children receiving free school meals will be in receipt of pupil premium interventions at one time.