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Pupil Premium Policy 2022-2025

Overview

The Pupil Premium was introduced in April 2011, and paid by means of a specific grant, based on school census figures for pupils registered as eligible for FSM in Reception to Year 11. For looked after children the Pupil Premium was calculated using the Children Looked After data returns (SSDA903). A premium has also been introduced for children whose parents are currently serving in the Armed Forces.

This service premium is designed to address the emotional and social well-being of these pupils.

There are three categories of children that qualify for pupil premium:

- Children who are eligible for free school meals (FSM)
- Looked after children
- Armed forces children

Main Barriers to Learning

The main barriers to educational achievement faced by eligible pupils are learning difficulties in reading, writing and maths, attention and concentration and social and emotional difficulties.

At Dewhurst St Mary, all our staff and governors understand that we have pupils who are socially disadvantaged and we are committed to meeting their pastoral, social, emotional and academic needs within a caring and supportive environment. The targeted and strategic use of pupil premium will support us in achieving our vision.

Objectives

1. The Pupil Premium will be used to provide additional educational support to improve the progress and to raise the standard of achievements for identified pupils.
2. The funding will be used to diminish the difference between the achievement of these pupils and their peers.
3. To allow identified pupils to access the curriculum whilst diminishing barriers to learning.

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4. We will ensure that the additional funding reaches the pupils who need it the most and that it makes a significant impact on their education and lives.

Strategies

1. Pupil Premium will be clearly identifiable within the budget.
2. The Headteacher and SLT, in consultation with the Governors and staff will decide how the Pupil Premium is spent for the benefit of the pupils.
3. Dewhurst St Mary School will assess what additional provision should be made for the individual pupils.
4. Dewhurst St Mary will be accountable for how it has used the additional funding to support the achievement of those pupils covered by the Pupil Premium and the Headteacher will report to the Governing body and parents on how effective the intervention has been in achieving its aims.
5. We will publish online information about how we have used the Pupil Premium.
6. We will ensure that parents, Governors and others are made fully aware of the attainment of pupils covered by the premium.
7. We will seek to further develop strategies and interventions which can improve the progress and attainment of these pupils.
8. We will track the impact of the strategies put into place through the funding to ensure that we can show the value that has been added to the education of the entitled children.
9. We will monitor evaluate and review the success of the impact of the Pupil Premium Funding.

Provision

The range of provision the staff and Governors may consider includes but is not restricted to:

- Reducing class sizes, thus improving opportunities for effective teaching and accelerating progress;
- Additional teaching and learning opportunities provided through key workers, trained TAs or external agencies;
- Providing 1:1 and small group teaching with experienced staff focussed on overcoming gaps in learning;
- The majority of our work through the pupil premium will be aimed at accelerating progress across all areas of the curriculum;
- The school recognises that the wider curriculum supports and enriched children's development across the curriculum and therefore funding will also be allocated enabling enrichment activities and enabling children to participate fully and actively in extra-curricular activities;
- Providing family support.

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Outcomes

This policy will play an important part in the educational development of the individual pupils who are entitled to the Pupil Premium. We will ensure that these pupils are treated equally and as favourably as others and the additional funding is used well to address the challenges they face. Dewhurst St Mary Primary will use the funding to promote the achievement and progress of all entitled pupils. Through wise use of this additional funding we are fully committed to ensuring that the individual needs of the child are met. As a result of the additional funding, these children will make better progress and achieve higher standards that would have been likely without it.