



Abbey View School Pupil Premium Statement 2015-16

Pupil Premium money has been allocated to schools and is clearly identifiable in the budget of individual schools. It is for school to decide how the Pupil Premium money, allocated to schools per Free School Meal (FSM) pupil, is spent, “since they are best placed to assess what additional provision should be made for the individual pupils within their responsibility.” (DFE 2012)

Pupils who attract this money into schools fall into four groups: those entitled to free school meals (FSM), those who have been entitled to free school meals during the last six years (Ever6), looked after children (LAC) and services children. The Government believes that the Pupil Premium money, which is additional to main school funding, is the best way to address the current underlying inequalities between children eligible for free school meals and their wealthier peers by ensuring that funding to tackle disadvantage reaches the pupils who need it most.

Schools are free to spend the Pupil Premium money as they see fit. However, they will be held accountable for how they have used the additional funding to support pupils from low-income families.

The level of the premium from 2014 is £935 per pupil for pupils who are either eligible for free school meals (FSM) or have been eligible in the past 6 years. For 'Looked After Children' (LAC) the level of Pupil Premium funding from 2014 is £1,900 and for services children is £300.

Barriers to learning

Students who are eligible for the pupil premium face several barriers which stop them progressing. Below are some of these barriers and how Abbey View School tries to remove them.

Poor attendance – Abbey View School hires its own Educational Welfare Officer to work closely with students and their families to improve the attendance of individual students. It also ensures that all students can travel to the school free of charge either via the schools own transport or via public transport.

Lack of engagement – Abbey View ensures that the curriculum is tailored for each student's individual needs. It works closely with its commissioning schools to ensure that each student has a clear plan of support and that the student is always clear about what they are aiming for.

Poor mental health – Abbey View employs two Pastoral support workers to work individually with students. Several of the teachers also have a wide range of experiences working with students with mental health issues. The school works closely with outside agencies and ensures that the school nurse visits on a fortnightly basis to help support students with a range of needs.

Lack of uniform/equipment – Abbey View ensures that any student who has been with them for 3 months or longer and is eligible for the pupil premium returns to their mainstream school with the correct uniform and equipment.

Abbey View School received £5200 in 2015-16

Summary of Spending	
Provision	Cost
Additional EWO time	£1950
Support with uniform on students returning to mainstream school	£150
Transport costs (bus fares)	£900
Formal and Informal counselling (Pastoral support workers)	£1900
Staff Inset from the Educational Psychologist to help remove barriers to learning for an individual student	£500

The Impact has been

The impact has been that 63% of the students who are eligible for pupil premium have seen their attendance improve compared to that when they were in their mainstream school this is exactly the same number as for students not eligible for Pupil Premium.

There has been a reduction of unauthorised absences from 21% of all absences to 12% of all absences due to targeted support for students and families.

All students who have been at Abbey View for 12 weeks or longer and have then returned to their mainstream school have returned in the correct uniform and with the correct equipment.

There has been an increase of over 50% of students who are referring themselves to outside agencies with the support of the school pastoral workers. These referrals include support for quitting smoking, support for reducing the amount of cannabis smoked, anger management, support for mental health issues and family support (with permission of parent/carer)

Academic Year 2016-17

Due to the nature of the school it is hard to predict how much pupil premium money we will receive for the academic year 2016-17. What we do receive however will be spent on the following:

- EWO time to support specific students and families
- Support with uniform/equipment costs for students returning to mainstream school
- Formal and informal counselling for students

Transport costs for students to travel to and from school

Transport costs for students to travel to and from their work experience

An additional teaching assistant to work in the classroom with individuals to help them engage

Access to a support worker from Infobuzz