



**Abbey View School**

## **Abbey View School Pupil Premium Statement 2017-18**

**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.

Abbey View School received £1553 in 2017-18

Summary of Spending	
Provision	Cost
Additional EWO time	£500
Support with uniform on students returning to mainstream school	£100
Transport costs (bus fares)	£200
Formal and Informal counselling (Pastoral support workers)	£300
Funding for activities outside of school	£100
Additional support for an EAL student	£353

As well as the above, Abbey View ensures that all students have access to a free school meal and that the vast majority of school trips incur no cost to parents/carers. Additional funding is used to ensure that class sizes are no bigger than 7. The school continues to provide a school bus service that incurs no cost to the parents/carers of our students. The school also operates an Outreach support program which has allowed students to receive support during the holidays and/or during times of emotional stress outside of school hours.

The biggest barrier our students face is usually related to lack of engagement. Pupil premium money has been therefore used to support improved attendance. The impact has been that 70% of the students who are eligible for pupil premium have seen their attendance improve compared to that when they were in their mainstream school.