

How should schools spend the grant?

Schools must spend the grant for the educational benefit of their eligible pupils. The grant can be spent on services that benefit pupils at the school or their families, in the locality in which the school is situated. Pupil Premium grants can be carried forward to the next financial year if all the money is not spent in the year in which it is allocated.

Examples of how the Pupil Premium is used at Burton CE Primary School

- Set up and running cost of various clubs eg Basketball, Football, Netball, Craft
- Parent workshops led by a qualified teacher eg Anxiety Workshops
- Designated member of staff for Pupil Premium
- Music tuition support given
- Extra curricular clubs support given eg Rock Steady
- Trips support
- Training for Interventions
- Teaching assistants leading structured intervention programmes
- Extra adults to support within the classrooms

And much, much more

What obligations are placed on the school?

Schools need to monitor the impact of their selected approaches to improve provision for pupils entitled to the Pupil or Service Premium. The Pupil and Service Premium is not ring-fenced and schools are free to spend it as they wish to improve pupils' attainment.

How are parents informed about the use of the Pupil Premium grants?

The school's governing body publishes information on the school website every year on Pupil and Service Premium expenditure. For those parents that are not able to access the internet, a paper copy of this information can be provided on request. It details the funding received for the current academic year, as well as details of how it will be spent; there should also be details of how the previous academic year's allocation was spent.

How are schools held accountable?

The Ofsted Inspection Framework ensures that inspectors look closely at the achievement of vulnerable pupils and in particular those who attract the Pupil and Service Premium. The Department for Education's performance tables detail the achievement of those pupils entitled to FSM and the Pupil Premium Grant(s). Individual pupils will never be identified through published information, this will only relate to groups of pupils, and in small schools numbers may not be published.

Pupil Premium Information for Parents



**Burton C of E
Primary School**

This leaflet covers

- The Pupil Premium
- The Service Premium

Who should parents contact for further information?

Contact the school office team if you would like to find out more about registering your child for free school meals. This information will be held confidentially by the school. Our reception team should also be able to direct you to any reports the school has produced relating to the use of the pupil premium.

What is the Pupil Premium?

The Pupil Premium was introduced in April 2011. It represents additional funding that the government gives to schools for each pupil considered to be 'disadvantaged'. The money must be spent on these pupils to support their education, but it is for the school to determine how it is spent. The Department of Education website is a good source of additional information:

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

Why does the Government provide a Pupil Premium?

Poverty or low income is the single most important factor in predicting a child's future life chances, with many pupils in low income families having low attainment by age 16. The Government believes that the Pupil Premium is the best way to address these underlying inequalities between children eligible for free school meals (FSM) and their peers by ensuring that funding to tackle disadvantage reaches the pupils who need it most.

Who receives the Pupil Premium?

Pupil Premium is allocated to pupils in school year groups from Reception to Year 11 from low income families who are registered for FSM, or who have been registered for FSM at any point in the last six years, together with children that have been in care continuously for 6 months or more. Adopted children who have been in care continuously for 6 months or more prior to adoption are also eligible.

What is the Service Premium?

The Service Premium grant is for pupils who have a parent serving in the armed services. Unlike the Pupil Premium, this grant is not solely for raising attainment but for providing additional (mainly pastoral) support.

Who receives the Service Premium?

Pupils with a parent currently serving in the armed services and supporting their family, pupils who have a parent who died in action and those whose parents have left the service since April 2011 for other reasons, including injury. To be eligible, the parent must be supporting their family, so where they are separated or divorced a pupil will not be eligible.

Parents working in the services need to ensure that the school is made aware of this.

How do parents register their child's entitlement for Pupil Premium?

Applying for Pupil Premium

Although all pupils in years R, 1 and 2 now receive free school meals as part of the Government's universal hot school meal provision, this **does not** mean that any child automatically qualifies for the Pupil Premium. Parents must still apply for free school meals via the school or County Council.

Here are some quick and easy ways to see if your child is eligible:

1) Fill in the BCP's application form for Pupil Premium—school can help with this

2) Online via

<https://www.christchurch.gov.uk/education-and-training/schools-and-learning/at-school/free-school-meals.aspx>

Whichever way you choose to apply, you must provide your National Insurance Number, date of birth, name and child's details and an eligibility check can be carried out using the Department for Education's Eligibility Checking System, this will confirm if details have been matched or not.

By checking eligibility the school will not be given information on what benefits you are in receipt of, dates when a benefit was awarded or say how much you receive, it will just confirm whether or not you are eligible.

Confirmation will be sent to you and the school within 5-10 working days.

Pupils do not have to take up their entitlement to a free meal but Local Authorities and school recommend that they do.

The government is made aware of each pupil claiming FSMs each term via the school census so they have up-to-date information on those eligible.

How much are the Pupil Premium Grants worth?

The current Pupil Premium is £1,345 per pupil per year. The Service Premium is £310 per pupil per year. This is significant additional money for schools to spend on supporting disadvantaged pupils and so we are very keen to ensure that all eligible pupils are 'signed up'. Grants are based on those pupils included in the January schools' census.