

Pupil Premium Strategy

What is Pupil Premium?

Pupil premium is a designated amount of money that the government allocates to each school, based upon a number of factors which are linked to the perceived deprivation of individual children.

The government believes that the pupil premium, which is additional to main school funding, is the best way to address the current underlying inequalities between children eligible for free school meals (FSM)/children on the deprivation index and their peers by ensuring that funding to tackle disadvantage reaches the pupils who need it most.

Bowerdean and Mapledean Nursery Schools are determined that all children and their families succeed, achieve and thrive. The targeted and strategic use of pupil premium will support us further in achieving outstanding progress and diminishing the difference for all our children.

We have the freedom to choose how we spend the money to best support the children entitled to this additional funding. We believe that by assessing the needs of individual children, considering both their strengths and areas for development, we can plan provision and experiences that will enable them to meet their next steps in learning.

Principles

We ensure that teaching and learning opportunities meet the needs of all the children.

We ensure that appropriate provision is made for children who belong to vulnerable groups. This includes ensuring that the needs of socially disadvantaged children are adequately assessed and addressed.

In making provision for socially disadvantaged children, we recognise that not all children who are in the deprivation index will be socially disadvantaged.

We also recognise that not all children who are socially disadvantaged are registered or qualify for pupil premium.

Pupil premium funding will be allocated following a needs analysis which will identify priority groups or individuals.

Provision

The range of provision we may consider making for this group could include:

- reducing group sizes thus improving opportunities for effective assessment for learning and accelerating progress;
- providing small group work with an experienced practitioner focussed on diminishing the differences in learning and achievement;
- 1-1 support for periods during free flow play in targeted areas of learning;
- additional teaching and learning opportunities provided by members of staff or external agencies;
- Early Intervention;
- home learning activities;
- a programme of curriculum enrichment;
- support with transition;
- additional provision targeted at developing social relationships;
- provision of breakfast club, lunch club or extra sessions;
- parenting support.

All our work through the pupil premium will be aimed at accelerating progress, moving children to at least age-related expectations. Initially this will be in the Prime areas: Personal, Social and Emotional Development; Communication and Language; and Physical Development.

Pupil premium resources are used to enhance the learning of eligible children regardless of their attainment.

Measuring the impact of the Early Years Pupil Premium

We are continually assessing and evaluating the children's learning through interactions and observations during play. The children's learning journeys and learning maps therefore contribute to reviewing the impact of the EYPP. We measure and monitor the impact of the EYPP through assessment and observations, which include:

- informal conversations at the start or end of a day;
- parent feedback in progress meetings;
- parent feedback forms on children's progress;
- achievement of individual targets;
- conversations with other professionals (if applicable) working with individual children eligible for the EYPP;
- parent questionnaires.

These assessments and observations inform us whether children are on track in their educational development and assist in setting next steps.