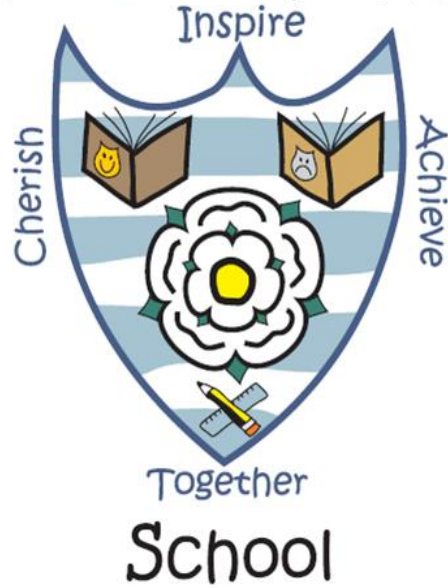


Birkwood Primary



PUPIL PREMIUM POLICY

OCTOBER 2017

Background

The Pupil Premium is a Government initiative providing additional funding to schools to support specific groups of children who are vulnerable to possible underachievement. These include pupils who are entitled to **Free School Meals**; those looked after by the Local Authority, those subject to special guardianship and children of armed service personnel or pupils who have been classified in one of the categories over the past 6 years (Ever6). The premium is provided in order to support these pupils in reaching their potential.

The Government are not dictating how schools should spend this money, but are clear that schools will need to employ the strategies that they know will support their pupils to increase their attainment and 'close the gap'. Schools will be accountable for closing the gap and school's performance tables include measures that show the attainment of pupils who receive the pupil premium compared with their peers.

In order to meet the Government's requirements, the Governing Body of Birkwood Primary School will ensure that provision is made which secures the teaching and learning opportunities that meet the needs of all pupils. Our SDP priorities in the academic year 2018/19 are:

Priority 1: Aim To raise standards in Writing in all key stages; to continue to raise standards in Reading.

Priority 2 Aim: To further develop the Curriculum to ensure full and creative coverage.

Priority 3 Aim: To review and evaluate provision and practice for SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disability) pupils, including Pupil Premium to ensure at least good progress.

As part of the additional provision for pupils who are vulnerable to possible underachievement, the Governors of Birkwood Primary will ensure that the needs of lower achieving pupils are adequately assessed and addressed through termly pupil progress meetings.

In making provision for children who are falling behind, the Governors recognise that not all children who receive free school meals will be disadvantaged.

The Governors also recognise that not all pupils who are disadvantaged are registered or qualify for free school meals. The Governors reserve the right to allocate the Pupil Premium funding to support any pupil or groups of pupils identified as being vulnerable or falling behind.

The range of provision includes:

- Keeping class sizes small in Foundation Stage and Year 1
- Inclusion Leader and PSA support for hard to reach families
- Facilitating pupils' access to the curriculum and the Arts
- Additional targeted support and interventions
- Additional learning resources, including outdoor provision for Early Years and Foundation Stage

The Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher will monitor an ongoing programme of support for 'closing the gap' pupils, this will be reported to the Governors' Personnel and Curriculum Committee.

