



Hesketh-with-Beconsall All Saints Church of England Primary School

*'What you are is God's gift to you,
what you become is your gift to God.'*

School Improvement Newsletter - Issue 16

Dear Parents & Carers,

Thank you for your support as we continue our journey of school improvement together.

Today's focus provides information on the Pupil Premium Grant – additional funding provided by the Government for disadvantaged children.

Kind regards,

RS Ainsworth

Rachael Ainsworth
Associate Headteacher

*'The world of the generous gets larger and larger...
The one who blesses others is abundantly blessed; those who help
others are helped.'* Proverbs 11:24-25

Pupil Premium Grant

The pupil premium grant is funding to improve educational outcomes for disadvantaged pupils in state-funded schools in England.

The grant also provides support for children and young people with parents in the regular armed forces, referred to as service pupil premium (SPP). This has been combined into pupil premium payments to make it easier for schools to manage their spending. Pupils that the SPP intends to support are not necessarily from financially disadvantaged backgrounds.

Funding criteria

Pupil premium funding is allocated to eligible schools based on the number of:

- pupils who are recorded as eligible for free school meals, or have been recorded as eligible in the past 6 years (referred to as Ever 6 FSM)

- children previously looked after by a local authority or other state care, including children adopted from state care or equivalent from outside England and Wales

Pupil premium is not a personal budget for individual pupils, and schools do not have to spend pupil premium so that it solely benefits pupils who meet the funding criteria. It can be used:

- to support other pupils with identified needs, such as those who have or have had a social worker, or who act as a carer
- for whole class interventions which will also benefit non-disadvantaged pupils

Pupil premium funding is allocated to local authorities based on the number of:

- looked-after children, supported by the local authority
- pupils who meet any of the eligibility criteria and who attend an independent setting, where the local authority pays full tuition fees

For pupils who are looked-after children, funding is managed by the local authority’s virtual school head (VSH) in consultation with the child’s school.

Funding rates for the 2023 to 2024 financial year

This table shows how the pupil premium grant is allocated to schools and local authorities in the 2023 to 2024 financial year, based on per pupil rates.

Funding criteria	Amount of funding for each primary-aged pupil per year	Amount of funding for each secondary-aged pupil per year	Funding is paid to
Pupils who are eligible for free school meals, or have been eligible in the past 6 years	£1,455	£1,035	School
Pupils previously looked after by a local authority or other state care	£2,530	£2,530	School
Children who are looked after by the local authority	£2,530	£2,530	Local Authority

Service Pupil Premium

Service pupil premium is additional funding for schools with pupils who have parents serving in the armed forces.

Pupils in state-funded schools in England attract the service pupil premium grant, at the rate of:

- £335 per eligible pupil in the 2023 to 2024 financial year

- £340 per eligible pupil in the 2024 to 2025 financial year

Pupils are eligible if they meet the following 2 criteria:

- one of their parents is serving in the regular armed forces, including pupils with a parent who is on full commitment as part of the full-time reserve service – this includes pupils with a parent who is in the armed forces of another nation and is stationed in England
- they have been registered as a ‘service child’ on any school census in the past 6 years

They would also be eligible if:

- one of their parents died whilst serving in the armed forces and the pupil receives a pension under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme or the War Pensions Scheme

This funding is primarily to enable schools to offer pastoral support and help mitigate the negative impact of family mobility or parental deployment. It can also be used to help improve the academic progress of eligible pupils if the school deems this to be a priority.

Accountability

The government believes that head teachers and school leaders should decide how to use the pupil premium. They are held accountable for the decisions they make through:

- The performance tables which show the performance of disadvantaged pupils compared with their peers
- The Ofsted inspection framework, under which inspectors focus on the attainment of pupil groups, and in particular those who attract the pupil premium
- The reports for parents that schools have to publish online

Further Information

Our **Pupil Premium Lead** is **Mr P Wright**, Deputy Headteacher.

Our **Pupil Premium Governor** is **Mrs J Fairbrother**, Vice-Chair of Governors

Further information on how our school specifically uses Pupil Premium funding can be found on our school website:

<https://www.allsaintshwb.co.uk/page/pupil-premium/27171>

Further information from the Department of Education regarding Pupil Premium can be found on their website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pupil-premium/pupil-premium>

Coming in Issue 17... Spotlight on Science