

Davenham Church of England Primary School

“Working Together, Playing Together, Serving God and Serving Others”
“...encourage one another and build each other up...”
1 Thessalonians 5:11.

POLICY FOR PUPIL PREMIUM

Pupil Premium is an allocation of additional funding given to schools in order to support specific groups of children who are vulnerable to possible underachievement. The intended effect of this funding is to accelerate progress and raise attainment.

Pupil Premium is a government initiative that targets extra money at pupils from deprived backgrounds. Research shows that pupils from deprived backgrounds underachieve compared to their non-deprived peers. The Pupil Premium funding is provided to enable these pupils to be supported to reach their potential.

At Davenham, we will use the indicator of those eligible for Free School Meals (FSM), as well as identified vulnerable groups, such as looked after children, as our target children to ‘close the gap’ regarding attainment.

The amount of Pupil Premium funding a school receives is calculated according to the number of pupils who meet the eligibility criteria set by the government. The school is accountable for using this funding to raise the achievement of the less advantaged children in its community.

The amount of Pupil Premium received and the way it is spent is published annually on the Pupil Premium Report. The impact of spending from the previous year is analysed annually by the Headteacher, SENDCO and the Governing Body.

CONTEXT

When making decisions about using Pupil Premium funding it is important to consider the context of the school and the challenges faced. Common barriers to learning for disadvantaged children may include less support at home, language and communication skills, lack of confidence, behaviour difficulties and attendance issues. There may also be complex family situations that prevent children from flourishing. The challenges are varied and there is no ‘one size fits all.’

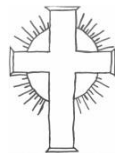
REPORTING

It is the responsibility of the Headteacher and the SENDCO to produce regular reports for the Governing Body, which may include:

- The progress made towards narrowing the gap for pupils in receipt of Pupil Premium.
- An outline of the provision.
- An evaluation of the cost effectiveness, in terms of the progress made by the pupils receiving a particular provision, when compared with other forms of support.
- The Governors of the school will ensure that there is an annual statement on how the Pupil Premium funding has been used to address the issue of 'narrowing the gap' for socially disadvantaged pupils.

EQUALITY STATEMENT

Davenham Primary School is committed to ensuring equality of opportunity for all children, staff, parents, carers and visitors irrespective of their race, gender, gender identity, disability, religion or belief, sexual orientation, marital status, age or pregnancy and maternity. We tackle discrimination through the positive promotion of equality, by valuing diversity, challenging bullying and stereotypes and by creating an inclusive environment which champions fairness and respect for all.



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Person Responsible		Joanne Hyslop	
Signed Headteacher	Signed Chair of Governors	of	Date Ratified
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