

8th July 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Update to Our Pupil Premium Strategy

We hope this letter finds you well. We are writing to inform you of an important update to our Pupil Premium strategy at Castle Hill Primary School.

As part of our ongoing commitment to providing the highest standard of education for all children, we regularly review our use of the Pupil Premium grant to ensure it is having the greatest possible impact. After evaluation of outcomes and feedback from staff and pupils, we decided to adjust our approach for the next three years (2024/5 – 2027/8).

What is Changing?

Our revised strategy focuses more heavily on:

- **High-quality teaching**, with continued investment in staff training focused on evidence-based practices that ensure all pupils feel academic success with high expectations from adults. Staff receive ongoing training on how to support disadvantaged pupils to be as successful at writing as their peers and that they understand themselves as good learners in their own right.
- **Targeted academic support**, including additional interventions in literacy and numeracy
- **Wider strategies** such as attendance and wellbeing support, with a particular focus on supporting our disadvantaged pupils being in school on time so that they do not miss core learning.

These changes are based on national research, internal performance data, and the Education Endowment Foundation's (EEF) recommended approaches.

Why Are We Making These Changes?

We are proud of the progress our pupils have made, but we recognise that some children—particularly those eligible for Pupil Premium—face barriers that require a more tailored approach. By refining our strategy, we aim to close attainment gaps more effectively and ensure every child can succeed regardless of background.

How Will We Measure Impact?

We will continue to monitor pupil progress through termly assessments, attendance tracking, and wellbeing surveys. Our current revised strategy is published in our Pupil Premium Report, which is available on the school website.

Change in funding from September 2025


As part of this adjustment in approach, we have had to review how we spend the Pupil Premium grant. With a bigger emphasis on in-class learning and support for disadvantaged pupils, we have made the difficult decision to review our per pupil funding as this does not now align with our strategy. Therefore, the per pupil funding that some families use towards clubs and events will now **no longer be available**. The £40 allocation per PP pupil to attend school trips will still be funded. Please rest assured targeted academic and wellbeing support in school will still be funded as part of our ongoing strategy.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



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