

Pupil Premium Strategy Guide

What is Pupil Premium?

Pupil Premium is funding allocated to schools by the Government to target specific groups of children.

These children come from one of the following groups;

- Low income families who have been eligible for Free School Meals in the last 6 years
- Children in Local Authority Care, or who have been in care of the Local Authority for 1 day or more
- Children who have a parent/parents who are currently serve in the armed forces

Free School Meals

To be eligible for a Free School Meal, families need to receive one of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- Income Support
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you’re not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

If your child is eligible for free school meals with an active application on the 31 March 2018, they will remain eligible until 31 March 2022.

Children in Care

Children in Care are automatically eligible for funding with the Pupil Premium. As a school we bid for the funding. We detail, with supporting evidence, the additional interventions that the children receive and the cost of this support to the school. Children in Care are eligible for funding up to £1900 this academic year.

Schools will also receive £1,900 for each pupil identified in the spring school census as having left local-authority care because of 1 of the following:

- adoption
- a special guardianship order
- a child arrangements order
- a residence order

Service Children

This premium is for children whose parents are currently serving in the Armed Forces. This Service Premium is designed to address the emotional and social well-being of these pupils. It is also used to close any attainment gaps.

The purpose of the funding is to fund interventions and initiatives that overcome the barriers to learning that these children may be experiencing. If there are gaps in attainment or progress has slowed these funds can be utilized to narrow the gap or accelerate progress. It is statistically proven that children in the groups above do not always achieve as well as their peers who are not in these groups.

Here at Monkton we aim to give all of our pupils the very best education and we support and encourage each child in their learning so that they may make the very best progress and achieve well. At all times pupils are tracked and monitored so that any child who is not making their own expected progress is very quickly picked up and provision is swiftly put into place. Through Provision Mapping our children receive timely interventions and Catch up programmes to ensure that support is implemented in a timely and effective manner. We work together with parents and carers so that they are well informed of their child’s progress and needs.

Monkton currently stands at 204/456 on the Index of Multiple Deprivation Indicator. *(1 Being the most deprived and 456 being the least)*

As a school we recognise that not all of our Pupil Premium Pupils present as vulnerable or disadvantaged and not all of our Pupil Premium families choose to claim Free School Meals.

In 2021/2022 our Pupil Premium Funding is £32,298.

Strategies used here at Monkton CEP School

Effective strategies used include:

- Access to quality first teaching
- Effective deployment of staff and more of a, ‘presence’ on the playground
- One to one tuition when required
- Oral language interventions and pre-teaching of vocabulary and skills
- Parental involvement through workshops and helping in school
- Reading comprehension strategies and an online facility that can be accessed for home learning
- Small group tuition
- Social and emotional support- both through in school counselling and time in Nurture
- Trained Autism and Well-being champions
- Forest School and a focus on outdoor learning
- Nurture and Homework club
- Extra staff for support at playtimes for vulnerable pupils - structuring games and interactions
- Peer buddying including the use of a buddy bench
- Outside counselling
- Mothers and Sons/Incredible Years course for parents
- Financed school trips and clubs for Pupil Premium children
- Bug Club home learning tool-also supported in Homework Club
- Dedicated Library Area to give a high priority and status to reading