

Pupil Premium Strategy

2015-2016

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Pupil Premium funding is intended to benefit students on free school meals, children who have been looked after continuously for more than six months, looked after children and service children. The Government believes that the Pupil Premium, which is additional to main school funding, is the best way of ensuring that funding to tackle disadvantage reaches the pupils who need it most.

The government believes that it is for schools to decide how the Pupil Premium, allocated to schools per eligible pupil, is spent, since they are best placed to assess what additional provision should be made for the individual pupils within their responsibility.

Whilst schools are free to spend the Pupil Premium, they are held accountable for how they have used the additional funding to support pupils from low-income families. From September 2012, the government required schools to publish online information about how they have used, and are using, the Premium. This will ensure that parents and others are made fully aware of the attainment of pupils covered by the premium.

Rationale

The spending of pupil premium funding has been decided by external research such as the DfE study into effective use of Pupil Premium funding (Fig.1), the experience of staff as to what has worked well before and collaborations with other schools in order to ascertain where they have found success with the funding.

Figure 1 – What are the most effective ways to support disadvantaged pupils' achievement, DfE Report (November, 2015)

 Whole-school ethos of attainment for all: Schools have an ethos of high attainment for all pupils and avoid stereping disadvantaged pupils as all facing similar barriers or having less potential to succeed.



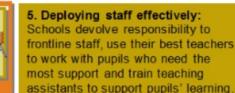
2. Addressing behaviour and attendance: Schools ensure effective behaviour strategies are in place, respond quickly to poor attendance and provide strong social and emotional support, including through working with families.



3. High quality teaching for all: Schools emphasise 'quality teaching first' and provide consistently high standards by setting expectations, monitoring performance and sharing best practice.



4. Meeting individual learning needs:
Staff identify each pupil's challenges and interests. They seek the best strategies to help each pupil make the next step in his or her learning. Schools provide individual support for specific learning needs and group support for pupils with similar needs.





6. Data driven and responding to evidence: Teachers use data to identify pupils' learning needs, review progress every few weeks and address underperformance quickly. They have manageable Assessment for Learning systems, which provide clear feedback for pupils. Schools use evidence to make decisions about their support strategies.

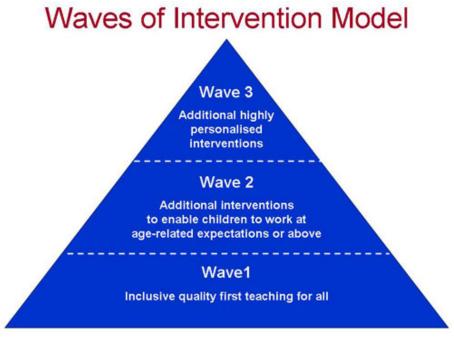
7. Clear, responsive leadership:
Senior leaders set ever higher
aspirations and lead by example.
They hold all staff accountable for
raising attainment, rather than
accepting low aspirations and variable
performance. They share their thinking
and invest in staff training.



Pupil Premium Wave Support Model

The funding received for pupils eligible for pupil premium will be utilised to develop teaching and learning in accordance with the Waves of Intervention Model (Fig. 2). The waves of intervention model describes how different levels of intervention can be understood and systematically implemented. While not all of the work required to develop teaching requires direct funding from the Pupil Premium allocation, it is important to highlight the wider work current being undertaken to improve progress and outcomes for our disadvantaged cohort.

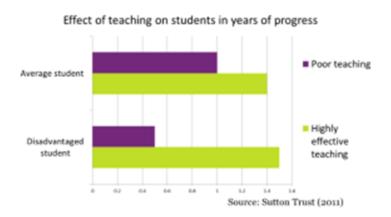
Figure 2



• Wave 1 describes quality inclusive teaching which takes into account the learning needs of all the children in the classroom. Pupil Premium funding has and will primarily be used to improve the quality of this first teaching for all. The quality of first teaching is of particular importance to disadvantaged pupils as highlighted by the landmark Sutton Trust Research in 2011 (Fig.3)

Figure 3

Why improve teaching?



Wave 2 describes specific, additional and time-limited interventions provided for some children who need help to accelerate their progress to enable them to work at or above age-related expectations. Wave 2 interventions at SEA have included academic mentoring, incentive programmes, high ability programmes, literacy and numeracy interventions, parental engagement and extra-curricular opportunities.

Wave 3 describes targeted provision for a minority of children where it is necessary to provide highly tailored intervention to accelerate progress or enable children to achieve their potential. This has included 1-1 support, work with teaching assistants and the provision for additional resources.

This approach to the strategic deployment of pupil premium funding will be supported by the EEF toolkit and evidence from previous in school interventions to guide the spending plan for the current academic year.

Pupil Premium 2015-2016 Key Priorities

- 1. Close the whole school attainment gap.
- 2. Increase the whole school focus on disadvantaged students.
- 3. Increase the provision for disadvantaged students in order to remove barriers to learning.

1. Key Objective: Close the whole school attainment gap.

Action: Specialist one-to-one and small group tuition in English and mathematics for identified students in Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4.

Rationale: Sutton document 'One-to-one tutoring+5 months moderate impact'

'For pupils eligible for free school meals (FSM) with lower prior attainment, those who received tuition were more likely to achieve Level 4 at KS2 and to make two levels of progress than those who did not receive tuition.'

Evaluation of the Making Good Progress Pilot (2010). DCSF Research Report RR184. PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) LLP.

Success Criteria: A reduction in the attainment gap of PP and non non PP students in year 11 when compared with the 2014 exam results.

Dates	Person responsible	Monitoring and Evaluation	Cost
Sept 2015-	PDE	Tracking and monitoring data of PP cohort via data collection, student	£68,763
June 2016		feedback, exit data, progress coordinator data analysis.	
		Lesson observation schedule of intervention lessons as part of	
		performance management.	
		Impact: the attainment gap narrowed from 29% (2014 GCSE Results)	
		to 19.9% (2015 GCSE Results). There was also a 4.1% increase in the	
		number of disadvantaged students achieving 5 ACEM. The same	
		comparative results showed the continuation of a narrow gap in	
		English for expected progress (1.2%) and a 5% narrowing of the gap in	
		maths for expected progress.	

Action: Provision of two learning support assistants to provide individual pupils with extra help in classes.

Across the school disadvantaged pupils were targeted for additional in class support. Rather than removing them from lessons, the strategy has been to help facilitate quality first teaching across the school.

Rationale: Quality first teaching has a disproportionate impact on disadvantaged students when compared with their peers (Sutton Trust 2011). Therefore it is essential that all barriers be removed through the initial provision of the teacher and subsequently the additional classroom support.

Success Criteria: Narrow gaps in subjects across the school alongside improved performance of disadvantaged pupils.

Dates	Person responsible	Monitoring and Evaluation	Cost
Sept 2015 – June	PDE	Data analysis KS2 – first Y7 data entry. Data review	£32,778
2016		points allowed for analysis of the gaps from first	
		the teacher, then HoD, then cluster leader and	
		finally, the headteacher.	
		Overall 9% reduction in 5ACEM indicates an	
		improved picture across the school for	
		disadvantaged students.	

2. Key Objective: Increase the whole school focus on disadvantaged students.

Action: Appointment of Pupil Premium Learning Champions – A member of staff for each year group targeting each cohort

Rationale: Recommendations from the best practice guide from Ofsted suggest named members of SLT and key stakeholders to lead on provision for disadvantaged students.

Success Criteria: Narrowing gaps across each year group through the focussed work of the learning champions.

Dates	Person responsible	Monitoring and Evaluation	Cost
Sept 2015-June 2016	PDE/LCs	As reflected in the PP impact report, there was a	£12,658
		significant improvement in the disadvantaged students	
		Progress 8 score. Furthermore, the gap between this	
		group and Others narrowed significantly. In addition,	
		the same can be said for <u>all</u> other headline measures.	
		This resulted from an increased focus through learning	
		champions, teacher based data review processes,	
		increased focus in learning walks and a targeted use of	
		PP funding to support Wave 2 & 3 interventions.	

3. Key Objective: Increase the provision for disadvantaged students in order to remove barriers to learning.

Action: Provision of learning resources to enhance and facilitate curriculum and enrichment activities, specifically targeted at disadvantaged students

Rationale: Sutton document 'the choices that schools make in allocating the money will be vital so that the funding can help raise pupils' attainment and aspirations.'

Success Criteria: Attainment gap between PP and non PP reduces. PP students make progress in line with expectations.

Dates	Person responsible	Monitoring and Evaluation	Cost
Sept 2015-June 2016	PDE/LCs	Barrier – students in KS4 can struggle to afford trips	£1,913
		and revision books. These students have been	
		provided with funding which supports them in this	
		way. For example, all PP English students had their trip	
		to see Blood Brothers at the Lowry Theatre funded.	
		While the impact is difficult to quantify, the overall	
		performance of the English department reflects a	
		strong provision for this disadvantaged cohort.	

Action: Funding to support specific needs including assistance with transport costs, school meals, enrichment activities and music tuition.

Rationale: Removing obstacles to students learning is aligned with our school mission and allows for disadvantaged students to access the same opportunities as their peers.

Success Criteria: Improved attendance for disadvantaged students and increased involvement in extracurricular activities.

Dates	Person responsible	Monitoring and Evaluation	Cost
Sept 2015-June 2016	PDE		
		Barrier – a lack of resources at home affected the	£7,478
		attendance of some students and so funding has been	
		directed toward supporting these students with	
		uniform and a bus pass.	

	PP attendance of extended curriculum, activities, activities day support. Support PP students in peripatetic lessons	
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Total proposed spend 2015/2016: £128,596

ⁱ http://schoolsweek.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/Disadvataged-pupils-buildiong-blocks.jpg