

Allocation of the Pupil Premium Grant - St Nicholas School (2021/2022)

Pupils who are considered as coming from Low Income Families receive an individual Pupil Premium Grant (PPG). The Pupil Premium Grant, introduced in April 2011, is allocated to all pupils from low incomes as part of the whole-school general budget. The grant is only available to pupils of statutory school age.

Two groups of pupils may be allocated a Pupil Premium Grant they are:

- PPG - those in receipt of Free School Meals (FSM), or
- Pupil Premium Plus (PP+) funding - pupils who are or were previously in the Care of the Local Authority (Children in Care [CIC] or Previously Looked-After Children [PLAC]).

The PPG allowances per group of pupils (for 2015/2016) are as follows:

- Year R – Year 6 pupils entitled to (Ever 6) Free School Meals: £1345
- Year 7 – Year 11 pupils entitled to (Ever 6) Free School Meals: £955
- For pupils that are Children in Care or Post-Looked after: £2345

The PPG allocation is paid direct to the school for pupils originating from Kent as the Local Authority, on receipt of an application on a termly or annual basis. For CIC from Other Local Authorities (OLA), the school will submit an invoice to the OLA alongside the submission of progress and attendance information (if requested). The invoicing procedure is conducted according to funding rules set out by the home OLA e.g. one, two or up to three times per year. All schools are free to spend the pupil premium how they see fit, and are not obliged to follow the requests of OLAs of how they wish it to be spent. Certain specific OLAs will take a percentage of the £2345 to provide their distanced monitoring support. The school is accountable for how it spends the PPG to the families of those from low incomes.¹

The Senior Leadership Team and Governing Body of St Nicholas School has decided that, although the PPG from all LAC or FSM pupils is held within the general school budget, it be used to help provide specialist literacy and numeracy programmes and resources, provide access to particular and relevant community learning opportunities or other specific provisions appropriate to meeting the individual pupil's needs and/or extending their learning and progress on individual basis. All students at St Nicholas School have significant learning difficulties and, as such, these present their own barriers to learning for individuals; the pupil's status as CIC/PLAC or FSM adds further complexity to assessing progress.

The record of progress of pupils in receipt of the Pupil Premium, Service Premium Grants is found in the accompanying document Pupil Premium Report.

For each of these there is also a detailed provision map/breakdown which sets out the additional support the individuals receive which is wholly or partly funded by the PPG, alongside the main SEND priorities that they have and how these are targeted by the PPG funding.

¹ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pupil-premium-allocations-and-conditions-of-grant-2021-to-2022/pupil-premium-conditions-of-grant-2021-to-2022-for-local-authorities>

Service Premium – An additional premium is allocated to schools in order to address the emotional and social well-being of families who are currently serving in the forces, was serving in the past 6 years or is in receipt of pensions under the Armed Forces Compensation or War Pensions Schemes. This premium is currently £310. St Nicholas School has no pupils (Years R – 11) entitled to this premium.

Possible uses of the PPG may include (full or part-funding of/towards):

- Specialist Communication, Literacy and/or Numeracy Activities & Resources
- Shared Goals, MOVE, Active Education – Individual learning programme resources and staffing
- Specialist Accreditation materials for pupils with SEND,
- Reflexology, massage, sensory circuit, Fizzy physical support programme staffing and resources
- Functional Independence and living Skills, Specialist Creative Arts (including PSHE and drama), Hydrotherapy and Music Therapy programme staffing/resources
- Attendance, Positive Behaviour Support, CHiN & CiC monitoring or Family/Communication Support
- Food Technology and/or Swimming costs
- Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, SEMH/Mental Health/Creative therapies inputs, Work Experience/OAA programme costs and specialist Forest School activities.