

Pupil Premium Policy

Pupil Premium is additional government funding for pupils who are either looked after children or perceived to come from disadvantaged backgrounds and therefore qualify for Free School Meals. This funding is then used to boost the learning of pupils so that the gap between learners is narrowed and all pupils are then able to reach their full potential.

Evidence shows that the most effective schools achieve best outcomes through high quality teaching, strong leadership, a relevant and coherent curriculum, a culture of high expectations and targeted catch-up and enrichment activities. Intrinsic support in the basics can enable children from disadvantaged backgrounds to catch up with their peers. Schools also influence how parents support their child's learning and behaviour as they grow older and their needs develop. They can also help parents understand the breadth of possibilities open to their child and how their child can achieve their aspirations.

Pupils at Kestrel House School have an allocation of their core fee assigned to support their wellbeing, resulting in the school being able to respond to additional needs through our integrated Wellbeing Department on a more immediate basis.

Our local offer supports learners with the following:

- Psychological and Neurodevelopmental Assessments;
- Thrive and Music Therapy
- Speech, Language and Communication Assessment and additional resources.
- Speech and Language Therapy;
- Occupational, Physical and Sensory Assessment and additional personalized resources.
- Occupational and Sensory Integration Therapy;
- Access to additional resources to support their wellbeing need i.e. Augmentative & Alternative Communication (high / low tech) and physical aids;
- Enhanced Levels of Intervention – additional support through a Wellbeing Support Worker / Coordinator and Family Liaison;
- Universal Levels of Intervention – supportive training events and models in relation to pupils additional needs.
- Funding for Easter Camp, trips and visits including residential trips.

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