

PUPIL PREMIUM

[What is the Pupil Premium?](#)

Pupil Premium Funding is a Government scheme first introduced in 2011. The Pupil Premium is a sum of money (up to £900 per pupil) which is paid to schools, as additional funding, to address the gap in educational attainment and long term economic well-being between socially disadvantaged children and young people compared to their peers.

[Criteria for Pupil Premium eligibility:](#)

1. A child who is entitled to free school meals (if you receive any of the following benefits:)
 - 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 State 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
 - Universal Credit
2. A Looked after child

[Blossom House policy](#)

At Blossom House School we are committed to provide a holistic educational environment where children and young people can grow in knowledge and understanding, working towards reaching their social, emotional and individual potential.

A key component of this commitment is our curriculum policy which ensures that each pupil receives a curriculum which targets his or her academic, therapeutic, emotional, and social and communication needs through use of a multi-disciplinary team of professionals. We seek to support all of our pupils in achieving their individual potential as well as enabling them to use their learning functionally within the wider community.

The support we provide may include additional, short term individual sessions of: arts therapies (art, drama, music and integrated psychotherapy); speech and language therapy; occupational therapy; physiotherapy; specific learning difficulties (dyslexia) support; touch typing.

Pupil Premium funding is used to provide support over and above this.

We are committed to working closely with parents and Local Authorities to ensure that those pupils who are eligible for the Pupil Premium receive the funding. Detailed records are kept to reflect the progress made, and this is recorded in Annual Review reports.

[How the Pupil Premium is spent:](#)

Different Local Authorities have different approaches to the allocation of the premium, and therefore Blossom House has a policy on how best to target the grant should it be allocated to us. In every case, the pupil's Statement and their IEP will directly inform this, in order to help the pupil achieve their potential, and we will discuss with parents (and pupils if appropriate) to decide on the best use for the funding.

Our staff:pupil ratio is already high and hence there is unlikely to be a need to use the pupil premium for extra staffing. Examples of use might be particular computer software or extra materials for specific courses; lunches; family mentoring at home; additional help with trips and transport; after school clubs and the transport to enable this.

[2012-13](#)

Amount received during the course of 2013: £900 (one student). Following discussion with his parent, this is being spent on the following in order to help the pupil achieve his potential at this school:

- Holiday respite care – being organised by the school Family Liaison Officer
- Holiday clubs run by the school.
- Food is provided by school for his breakfast and lunch.

[How does it work?](#)

If you think your child should qualify for the pupil premium, please let us know. We will then contact your Local Authority.