



EAST BIERLEY CE(VC) PRIMARY SCHOOL

## **Pupil premium Funding 2016-17**

### **What is it?**

The Government believes that the **Pupil Premium Funding**, which is additional to the main school funding, is the best way to address inequalities between children eligible for free school meals (FSM) and those children who are not. **Pupil Premium Funding** is used to tackle disadvantage in order to reach the pupils who need it most. Bridging the attainment gap between children eligible for the pupil premium and their peers is a government priority. At East Bierley we have high aspirations for all and focus on high-quality teaching for all children, including those children entitled to the pupil premium who are most able. Focusing our resources on strategies that support children to feel socially and emotionally secure, build strong partnerships with parents and develop children's independent learning skills are crucial to develop strong foundations for future learning. We invest time to talk with children and families and encourage good attendance and behaviour which is a priority. Our teachers constantly reflect on their practice to meet the needs of our children as no single strategy works well at all times.

Schools also receive funding for children who have been looked after continuously for more than six months, and children of service personnel.

Schools are currently given **Pupil Premium Funding** of £1320 per pupil for those whose families who have registered for FSM. This includes any child who has been registered for FSM at any point during the past 6 years.

Looked after children (LAC) as defined in the Children Act 1989 as one who is in the care of, or provided with accommodation by, an English Local authority currently receive £1900. Children of service personnel receive additional funding of £300.

Each school may decide how best to use the funding and they are held accountable for how it has been used to support pupils from low income families. Schools are required to report this information.

### **How much pupil premium funding does East Bierley Primary School receive?**

Out of the 213 children on roll 16 children are eligible for the pupil premium grant.

Number of children	Type of PPG	Total
13	Current free school meals and Those under 'Ever Six'	£17160
1	Looked after children (or previously)	£1900
2	Forces children	£600
Overall Total		£19660

### Objectives

- To continue to close the gap between the vulnerable groups and all children nationally and within school.
- To continue to improve the attendance of vulnerable groups.
- To target the emotional and pastoral needs of children to support their ability to succeed socially and academically. To increase the percentage of children in the early years foundation stage working closer to and at age-related expectations in communication and language.

### Our whole school ethos - high quality teaching for all

We have high aspirations for all our children and value that all children are entitled to develop holistically and in joyful life in conditions which will help them to take part in society and develop as an individual. We promote the Christian and school CORE values of friendship, trust, courage, respect and forgiveness. Early friendships strongly influence how children develop and learn and we place high value on all our staff spending time talking with children and with their families. Learning, thinking and language are interlinked, they depend on and promote each other's development. We know our children learn better by doing and our curriculum at East Bierley promotes independent learning in a multisensory approach to high quality first teaching and has a strong focus on assessment for learning to identify gaps and next steps the children in their learning and development.

### Social and emotional support

Within school we offer extensive social and emotional support strategies to individual children and groups of children. We focus on attendance through first-day response in our school office. We work with parents and where required, we do home visits. We provide social and emotional support through talk times, intervention groups and by working with individual children and their families. Supporting children who fall into multiple groups including pupil premium, regularly late or poor attendance, child protection and SEN by implementing imaginative strategies to support these children is a key aspect of our work.

### How is pupil premium spent at East Bierley Primary School?

At East Bierley we use pupil premium funding to provide the best possible education for our children. The money is used in a variety of ways to accelerate progress and make sure the gap between pupil premium children and all others is minimal. The money is mainly spent on the three core areas of the curriculum; reading, writing and maths but it is also used to help meet the social and emotional aspects of learning for this group of children where it is required.

All our children get Quality First Teaching, our teachers ensure that all children are provided with well-planned differentiated lessons to meet all their needs. If a child is entitled to pupil premium funding they become part of our whole school intervention plan. They receive additional interventions weekly to meet any of their specific needs. Their needs are identified through; closely tracking data to monitor their academic needs and discussions with their class teachers and support staff to discuss any pastoral needs. Interventions are set up by the school SENco and run by school support staff.

Interventions currently include: Read, Write inc, Units of sound, Code X, Accelerated/Accelerate, tailored speech and language programmes, Toe by Toe, Better Reading Partnership, First @ Number and tailored catch up maths sessions looking at any misconceptions found in the lessons. It has also funded resources to test for specific needs such as dyslexia and dyscalculia.

Pupil premium money has also funded enrichment activities such as; attending school activity clubs, breakfast and afterschool wrap around care, holiday activity clubs and funding towards school trips. The money has been used to provide assistance to ensure children have school attendance that will enable them to access our provision in order to narrow the gap in outcomes with other children. Money is also used to help fund a Learning and Behaviour Support in order to provide specific SEAL based interventions and 1-1 work where it is required.

### **Effectiveness of Pupil Premium at East Bierley**

As a result of pupil premium funding children have made progress but the gap between those who are Pupil Premium and those who are not, is evident.

As a school, we have researched the most effective way to spend our pupil premium funding and have decided that targeted 'evidence based' interventions for small groups and individuals will help accelerate progress. We have invested time in training support staff to become experts in a given intervention and they then run this with different groups of children every afternoon. The impact for individual children who get Pupil Premium is currently being analysed to monitor the impact of each intervention. This is done through use of reading age analysis and through internal school tracking systems focussed on specific steps of progress for each child.

Money spent on ensuring the emotional and social needs of our children are being met, are having a positive impact. This is evident through the monitoring of behaviour related incidents across the school. As barriers to learning are removed, children are then able to access quality first teaching.

Our school's pupil premium strategy was last reviewed in July 2016. It will be reviewed again in July 2017.

### **2015-16 Pupil Premium allocation**

During the 2015-16 school year, the pupil premium allocation was spent mainly on specific interventions and to provide specific resources and provision for our children. Maths resources to enhance the concrete understanding were purchased; interventions are planned in reading writing and maths. Some of these were one-to-one and some were small group, they included small group work to enable higher attaining children who are pupil premium to make accelerated progress.