

# The Pupil Premium- FAQs:

#### What is the pupil premium?

The Pupil Premium is extra money that schools receive to meet the needs of pupils who are socially disadvantaged and at risk of underachievement. It is provided to support these pupils in reaching their potential.

## How is the pupil premium allocated to schools?

The amount schools receive is determined by the number of pupils who have been known to be eligible or are currently known to be eligible for free school meals (FSM). In addition an allocation is made for pupils who are Looked After Children (LAC) and Service Children.

#### Who decides how the funding is used?

Schools decide how the funding should be used and are trusted to ensure that it is used for the purposes intended. Schools are held accountable for how they use the funding, and the performance tables capture the achievement of those pupils covered by the Pupil Premium.



#### How do we identify pupils at our school?

At Stockton Wood Primary School, we are committed to ensuring that the provision we make secures teaching and learning opportunities to meet the needs of all pupils and that the needs of pupils who are considered to be vulnerable or socially disadvantaged are adequately assessed and addressed as part of the additional provision we make through the Pupil Premium.

In making provision at Stockton Wood we recognise that not all pupils who receive FSM will be socially disadvantaged and not all pupils who are socially disadvantaged are registered or qualify for FSM. At our school Pupil Premium funding is allocated for individual and groups of pupils identified as:

- Socially disadvantaged and/or eligible for FSM/LAC/Service Children
- Vulnerable and at risk of underachievement
- Subject to a child in need plan
- Having been identified with complex needs

#### How do we provide for our pupils?

The attainment of disadvantaged pupils can be raised through a variety of interventions. At Stockton Wood Primary School, the following range of provision has been identified for this range of pupils:

- Facilitating access to the curriculum
- Providing additional support in the classroom
- Providing additional teaching and learning opportunities
- Offering alternative support and interventions



#### Accountability

The Department for Education holds Headteachers and school governing bodies accountable for the impact of pupil premium funding in the following ways:

- Performance tables, which show the performance of disadvantaged pupils compared with their peers
- Requiring schools to publish details online each year of how they are using the pupil premium and the impact it is having on pupil achievement
- The Ofsted inspection framework, where inspectors focus on the attainment of pupil groups, and in particular those who attract the pupil premium.

### How do we know we are using the Pupil Premium effectively?

The progress and attainment of all pupils and groups of pupils is monitored closely through regular formative assessment. Pupil progress review meetings are held each term. The progress that pupils make will vary according to the individual needs of each child but should a concern arise the provision made for that child will be reviewed and any necessary adjustments made.

The school provision map and interventions secured through the pupil premium are adjusted annually to meet the needs of the pupils across the school. This report shows how the Pupil Premium has been used during the academic year 2021-22 and includes information about the attainment of pupils at our school