

2020/21 Pupil Premium

Pupil Premium funding is government income allocated to schools to address the current imbalance in achievement between children considered to be disadvantaged, and their peers. It is based on pupil numbers in January of each year for pupils entitled to free school meals, service children and those adopted or in care.

Pupil Premium is not ring fenced and schools can determine how best to use this funding to impact on the learning, achievement, wellbeing and pastoral care of all children from vulnerable groups. Fernhurst Junior School has a Pupil Premium Strategy in place, which outlines the way in which this funding will be spent, and it is monitored both in school, and by Ofsted, to ensure it has an impact on raising standards. This is reviewed bi-annually; the next review will take place in Summer Term 2021.

Those pupils subject to this funding are varied in their needs and the barriers they face. However, they all face disadvantage, sometimes financially which can place strain on the time and emotional support families are able to offer. A significant amount of the budget is therefore allocated to ensuring that the school provides social skills, parental support and extra learning opportunities these pupils. We also ensure that support is tailored to individuals and their individual needs.

Prior to the Covid19 pandemic, Pupil Premium children benefitted from new learning opportunities through 'Fernhurst University' and a Summer School was held to target children deemed as vulnerable over the long holiday and whom were likely to find transition difficult. Pupil Premium children were able to access music lessons through this funding and every disadvantaged pupil has access to a wide range of after school clubs such as drama, newspaper club, football and sewing.

This year the school received £195,195.00 in funding which was split as follows:

- Pupils eligible for Free School Meals including historical data: £184,265.00
- Pupils from Service Families: £1550.00
- Looked After Children/Post LAC: £9,380.00

This was fully spent; funding one part time teacher, three Inclusion team staff, and four Learning Support Assistants. On the closure of schools for all but keyworker and vulnerable families, support was quickly put in place to ensure continuity of learning in school. Online learning, with access and hardware organised, was established to provide quality online learning for all pupils. Staff were able to provide both quality educational and emotional support to families in the form of group and one to one online sessions.

Resources were also purchased, including individually chosen books for every pupil at Christmas, and an online subscription to allow all pupils access to the pantomime performed by the local theatre.

2021/22 Pupil Premium

In 2021/22 total Pupil Premium funding for Fernhurst Junior School is estimated as £204,370 made up as follows:

- Pupils eligible for Free School Meals including historical data: £192,335.00
- Pupils from Service Families: £310.00
- Looked After Children/Post LAC: £11,725.00

Expenditure is planned as follows:

Staffing:

4 Inclusion Assistants

1 part time teacher for interventions and support work

3 Lead Learning Support Assistants

Extra Curricular Support:

Teacher Staffing for After School Clubs

Teacher and LSA Staff for Summer School 2021

Teacher and LSA Staff for small group tuition 2021

Support for Years 5 and Year 6 residential trips

Resources for:

P4C

Summer School

Fernhurst University

After School Clubs