



## **Wilkinson Primary School**

### **Pupil Premium Strategy 2019-20**

#### **What is Pupil Premium?**

Pupil Premium is a government grant designated to support the learning of pupils eligible for Free School Meals (FSM). Pupil premium is calculated based on school census figures for pupils registered as eligible for FSM in the last six years and pupils who are in the care of the Local Authority from Reception to Year 6.

The Pupil Premium is additional to main school funding and represents a significant proportion of our budget and we are committed to ensuring it reaches the pupils who need it most and that it makes a significant impact on their education and lives.

#### **Pupil Premium Spend and Main Barriers Faced by Pupils**

The location of the school has a high social deprivation and a high percentage of children are eligible for FSM which brings challenges and barriers. Our staff are committed to ensure all children reach their full potential so it is essential to identify individual barriers in order to provide targeted support to specific children.

When making decisions about using pupil premium funding it is important to consider the common barriers that FSM children may be faced with for example:

- Limited life experiences and less support at home
- Language and communication skills
- Poor mental health and emotional well being
- Low attainment on entry
- Behaviour difficulties
- Attendance and punctuality

Through targeted interventions we are working to eliminate barriers to learning and progress. For children who start with low attainment on entry, our aim is to ensure that they make accelerated progress in order to reach at least age related expectations. Many of these children will be developmentally, cognitively or emotionally deprived but for those who have an additional SEND need, we seek to identify these early and intervene as appropriate.

Pupil Premium will be clearly identifiable within the budget. The school will assess what additional provision should be made for the individual pupils. We will publish online information about how we have used the Premium and ensure that parents, governors and others are made fully aware of the attainment and progress of pupils covered by the Premium.

We will seek to further develop strategies and interventions which can improve the progress and attainment of these pupils and we will track the impact of the strategies put into place through the funding to ensure that we can show the value that has been added to the education of the entitled children. We will also monitor evaluate and review the success of the impact of the Pupil Premium funding outcomes and ensure that these pupils are treated equally and as favourably as others and that the additional funding is used well to address the challenges they face. We do acknowledge that a number of the interventions that are put in place may

take a number of years before we see the impact and we therefore track these diligently over several years. This impact is assessed through progress, attainment and through other emotional and mental health assessments.

### **Measuring the Impact of Pupil Premium**

The impact of Pupil Premium is measured by:

- Attainment and progress of pupils eligible for the Pupil Premium funding in reading, writing and mathematics is in line with all other pupils.
- Progress of pupil premium children from baseline starting points. For SEND children this may look different from the expected norm.
- Internal intervention data be it academic or emotional well being.
- Year group data will be analysed and achievements will be compared against national standards. If there are differences in achievement, strategies will be identified in order to close the gap so that all children attain well against local and national standards.
- Attendance of 96% or above.
- Exclusion data and monitoring of behaviour, with most behaviour being good or better.
- Engagement with extra-curricular activities and events.
- Pupil voice through questionnaire and interviews.
- Parental engagement (LPPA) and feedback through questionnaires.

Pupil Premium Strategy is reviewed annually each Autumn Term.

Date of Review: **September 2020**