

Biggleswade Academy Pupil Premium Funding 2016-2017

What is a Pupil Premium Grant (PPG)?

A Pupil Premium Grant is money from the government which is allocated on behalf of pupils who:

- who have free school meals (FSM) or who have had free school meals within in the past 6 years (Ever 6)
- who are looked after children
- who are adopted from care or who have left care under a Special Guardianship or Residence Order
- whose parents are currently serving in the armed forces

How may the Pupil Premium be used?

Schools are free to spend the money as they see fit.

There is no requirement for schools to spend the money on individual children, but it should be targeted to support these pupils, and others of low income families, to make as much progress as their peers.

Schools can use the funding to aid their work in a variety of ways to support aspects of a child's education, such as:

- academic learning needs
- social, emotional and behavioural needs
- enrichment beyond the normal curriculum
- family or community needs, including help with school uniform and educational trips

NB Funding received for adopted children and looked after children must be spent on that child.

'It is for schools to decide how the Pupil Premium, allocated to schools per FSM pupil, is spent, since they are best placed to assess what additional provision should be made for the individual pupils within their responsibility. Schools are free to spend the Pupil Premium as they see fit. However they will be held accountable for how they have used the additional funding to support pupils from low-income families.'

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How does Biggleswade Academy use the Pupil Premium?

At Biggleswade Academy we are committed to ensuring that the grant helps to provide effective resources and ensure vital support is in place for our disadvantaged pupils to improve their academic and emotional outcomes.

For example:

- Narrowing the gap between the achievement of the identified pupils and their peers in Literacy and Numeracy
- Raising pupil attainment by providing a variety of educational support programmes.
- Providing emotional support for vulnerable pupils
- Family support, including help with school uniform and educational trips as outlined in the Hardship Policy

Pupil Premium Grant – Funding 2016-2017

| Number of Pupils | No of pupils eligible | Pupil premium per pupil |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Reception | 1 | £1,320 |
| Key Stage 1 | 16 | £1,320 |
| Key Stage 2 | 72 | £1,320 |
| Key Stage 3 | 43 | £935 |
| Looked after Children | 6 | £1,900 |
| Adopted children | 1 | £1,900 |
| Service children | 0 | £300 |
| Total PPG received | | £170,985 |

Pupil Premium Spending 2016-2017

For the academic year 2016 – 2017 Biggleswade Academy will be allocate the funding as follows:

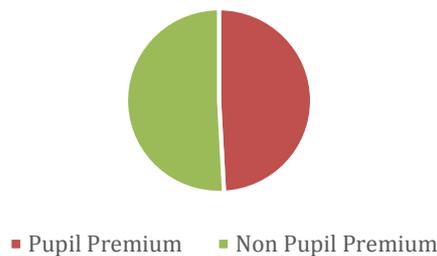
| Activity | Cost |
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| Curriculum subsidies – support for trips, uniform, class donations | £1,700 |
| iPads (or other specific ICT requirement i.e. laptop) | £10,000 |
| Targeted attendance support (inc. prizes and certificates) | £3,000 |
| Targeted teaching staff <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To add to the basic curriculum requirement providing intervention and support e.g. Fresh Start, preferential staffing, SENDCO support for pupils, parents and staff - Leadership of PPG at Vice Principal level | £28,500 |
| Targeted use of Learning Support Assistants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Additional to aid small groups within the classroom - To provide 1:1 or 1:3 support outside the classroom | £85,515 |
| Options curriculum for KS3 pupils <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The provision of enhanced curriculum timetabled subjects, which are accredited | £3,000 |
| High quality music tuition for Years 1-4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Inspiring Music | £4,828 |
| Well-being support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Access to Youth Support Worker – 1:1 support as required - Time provided to support for parents with access to Early Help Assessments (EHA) and other external agency support | £19,442 |
| Well-being support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Hawaii Hub – nurture room for vulnerable pupils before, school, during break and lunchtimes | £10,000 |
| Well-being support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Big Buddies Group – mentoring, training and supervision of these pupils to provide peer support for pupils | £5,000 |
| Total Pupil Premium Grant | £170,985 |

The Impact of Pupil Premium Allocation for 2015 - 2016

Impact

From entry to the Academy in both Reception and year 1, Phonics is highlighted as a key developmental area for our pupils. It is delivered to all pupils in very small groups to maximise adult input. In addition, our phonics expert provides in-depth staff training and high-level pupil input personally. This approach is highly effective for all pupils including our disadvantaged, as can be seen by the paragraph below.

**Year 1 Phonics 2015/16
% Working at expectation**



There is a close correlation between pupil premium and non-pupil premium children:
Pupil premium = 86%; Non-pupil premium = 89%

The allocation of the pupil premium grant had effectively raised standards across the Academy for a 3-year period, as can be seen on the Ofsted Dashboard data 2015. Unfortunately this on-going progress was not maintained through the year 2015/16 but, due to the previous success of our funding allocations, we believe this can be rectified rapidly. This belief is validated by our year 8 exit data as seen below.

