

Pupil Premium – Frequently Asked Questions

What is Pupil Premium Funding?

The aim of Pupil Premium funding is to raise the achievement of disadvantaged students.

Which students are considered to be disadvantaged?

- Students who receive, or have received in the last 6 years, free school meals.
- Students whose family are, or have been in the last 4 years, serving in the armed forces.
- Students in the care of a Local Authority and children who have ceased to be looked after by a local authority in England and Wales because of adoption, a special guardianship order, a child arrangements order or a residence order

How much money does the school receive?

This varies year on year. Please see the Annual Pupil Premium report on the website.

How was the money spent?

Full details are included in the Pupil Premium Report, but examples of how the money was spent include:

- Additional one-to-one or small group tuition by teachers during holidays and after school;
- Provision of extra revision resources, including examination papers; o Provision of music lessons;
- Support with costs for vocational courses;
- Additional literacy support;
- Help with the cost of attending school trips;
- Targeted careers advice;
- Targeted nurture groups;
- Help with the cost of school uniform, stationery, and other items of equipment; o
- Provision of a homework club;

How do we know the money is being used effectively?

Members of the school's Senior Staff Group monitor the progress of all students within the Pupil Premium group and identify individual interventions which will help improve achievement and narrow the gap between the Pupil Premium students and non-Pupil Premium students. Meetings take place every 2 weeks to review individual progress, attendance and other key factors to ensure that suitable support is identified and offered – including, when appropriate, working more closely with students' families. The impact on progress is shown in the Pupil premium report.

How can I claim free school meals for my child?

If you think you may be eligible to claim Free School Meals, please contact Dorset County Council

Tel: 01305 221090

Email: freeschoolmeals@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

My child isn't entitled to Free School Meals – is there any other way you could offer support?

We have some limited funds available to offer support to those families not in receipt of free school meals, but who may require assistance from time to time. Please contact your child's Head of Year in confidence if you think we can help.