



SHOBNALL PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

APPROACH FOR PUPIL PREMIUM



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STATEMENT OF INTENT

At Shobnall Primary & Nursery School, we believe that the highest possible standards can only be achieved by having the highest expectations of all learners. Some pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds require additional support; therefore, we will use all the resources available to help them reach their full potential, including the pupil premium grant (PPG).

The PPG was created to provide funding for three key areas:

- Raising the attainment of disadvantaged pupils and closing the gap with their peers.
- Providing funding for LAC and previously LAC (PLAC).
- Supporting pupils with parents in the armed forces.

This document outlines the amount of funding available, the school's strategy for spending the PPG effectively, and the procedures for ensuring the funding is allocated correctly.

1. LEGAL FRAMEWORK

- This document has due regard to legislation and statutory guidance including, but not limited to, the following:
 - Children Act 1989
 - Equality Act 2010
 - DfE (2018) 'Promoting the education of looked-after children and previously looked-after children'
 - NCTL and the Teaching Schools Council (TSC) (2018) 'Effective pupil premium reviews'
 - UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR)
 - Data Protection Act 2018
 - The School Information (England) Regulations 2008
 - Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) (2019) 'The EEF Guide to the Pupil Premium'
 - ESFA (2024) 'Pupil premium: conditions of grant 2024 to 2025'
 - DfE (2024) 'What academies, free schools and colleges should publish online'
 - Ministry of Defence (MoD) (2022) 'The Service Pupil Premium: what you need to know'

- This document operates in conjunction with the following:
 - Equality Information and Objectives Statement
 - LAC
 - Pupil Premium Report and Impact Statement
 - School Development Plan

2. PPG ALLOCATION RATES

- For the financial year 2024 to 2025, grant allocations are as follows:

Funding criteria	Amount of funding for each primary-aged pupil per year	Amount of funding for each secondary-aged pupil per year	Funding is paid to
Pupils who are eligible for free school meals, or have been eligible in the past 6 years	£ 1,480	£ 1,050	School
Pupils previously looked after by a local authority or other state care	£ 2,570	£ 2,570	School
Children who are looked after by the local authority	£ 2,570	£ 2,570	Local authority

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Service pupil premium is additional funding for schools with pupils who have parents serving in the armed forces.

Pupils in state-funded schools in England attract the service pupil premium grant, at the rate of:

- £335 per eligible pupil in the 2023 to 2024 financial year
- £340 per eligible pupil in the 2024 to 2025 financial year

Pupils are eligible if they meet the following 2 criteria:

- one of their parents is serving in the regular armed forces, including pupils with a parent who is on full commitment as part of the full-time reserve service – this includes pupils with a parent who is in the armed forces of another nation and is stationed in England
- they have been registered as a 'service child' on any school census in the past 6 years

They would also be eligible if:

- one of their parents died whilst serving in the armed forces and the pupil receives a pension under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme or the War Pensions Scheme

This funding is primarily to enable schools to offer pastoral support and help mitigate the negative impact of family mobility or parental deployment. It can also be used to help improve the academic progress of eligible pupils if the school deems this to be a priority.

3. OBJECTIVES

- To provide additional educational support to raise the achievement of pupils in receipt of the PPG.
- To narrow the gap between the educational achievement of these pupils and their peers.
- To address underlying inequalities, as far as possible, between pupils.
- To ensure that the PPG reaches the pupils who need it most.
- To make a significant impact on the education and lives of these pupils.
- To work in partnership with the parents of pupils to collectively ensure pupils' success.

4. HOW PPG CAN BE SPENT

- The school will only spend pupil premium funding in line with the terms outlined within the conditions of grant as outlined below:

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- For the benefit of pupils registered at the school.
- For the benefit of pupils registered at other maintained schools or academies
- On community facilities, i.e. services whose provision furthers any charitable purpose for the benefit of pupils at the school or their families, or people who live or work in the locality in which the school is situated.
- Pupil premium is not a personal budget for individual pupils, and schools are not required to spend all of their allocated grant on eligible pupils. The school will use the PPG to support other pupils with identified needs where appropriate, for example, on pupils who have or have had a social worker or, pupils who may be acting as a carer.
- The school will decide the activities on which the PPG will be spent in line with the framework and 'menu of approaches' set out by the government in ['Using pupil premium: guidance for school leaders'](#), and focussed on the three areas below:
 - High-quality teaching, such as staff professional development
 - Targeted academic support, such as tutoring
 - Wider strategies to address non-academic barriers to success in schools, such as attendance, behaviour, and social and emotional support
- Academically able pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds will be given as much focus as less academically able pupils.
- If the PPG is not used within the academic year, some or all of it may be carried forward to the following year.

5. OUR LONG TERM STRATEGY FOR SUCCESS

- The school has a long-term strategy to ensure it maximises the use of PPG funding. The school will adopt a long-term three-year strategic plan, aligned to the school's wider School Development Plan, which contains the following considerations:
 - Expenditure
 - Recruitment
 - Teaching practice
 - Staff deployment
- As part of its strategy, the school will maximise the use of the PPG by:
 - Assigning a pupil premium lead to champion the educational needs of PPG recipients and ensure the implementation of this document.

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- Ensuring PPG funding and spending can be identified within the school's budget.
- Consulting, as necessary and as appropriate, the pupil premium lead, governors, staff and parents when deciding how funds are spent.
- Assessing the individual provisions required for each pupil in receipt of the PPG.
- The school will conduct lighter-touch annual reviews to inform the strategic plan and form the school's Pupil Premium Impact Statement.
- The school will explore evidence-based summaries of PPG use, such as the EEF's Teaching and Learning Toolkit, to determine the best use of the funding. The school will consult the EEF's Families of Schools Database to learn about effective practice in similar schools. The school will make decisions about PPG spending that demonstrably illustrates its use of evidence-based research.
- When researching and implementing PPG use, the school will focus on approaches that:
 - Are individually tailored to the strengths and needs of each pupil, and include targeted academic support, such as tutoring
 - Are consistent (based on agreed core principles and components), but also flexible and responsive.
 - Are evidence-based.
 - Are focussed on clear short-term goals providing opportunities for pupils to experience success.
 - Include regular, high-quality feedback from teaching staff.
 - Engage parents in the agreement and evaluation of support arrangements, e.g. via pupil's personal education plans (PEPs).
 - Support pupils' transitions through the stages of education, e.g. from primary school to secondary school.
 - Raise aspirations through access to high-quality educational experiences.
 - Promote each pupil's awareness and understanding of their own thought processes and help them to develop problem-solving strategies.
 - Support the quality of teaching, including staff professional development.
 - Tackle non-academic barriers to success at school, by supporting good attendance and behaviour and providing social and emotional support.
- The school will also choose approaches that emphasise:
 - Relationship-building, both with appropriate adults and with their peers.

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- An emotionally intelligent approach to the setting of clear behaviour boundaries.
- Increasing pupils' understanding of their emotions and identity.
- Positive reinforcement.
- Building self-esteem.
- Relevance to the learner – the approach relates to pupils' interests and makes success matter to them.
- A joined-up approach involving the pupil's social worker, carer, virtual school head (VSH), and other relevant professionals.
- A child-centred approach to assessment for learning.

6. A TIERED APPROACH TO PPG SPENDING

- We operate a tiered approach to PPG spending to ensure spending is both balanced and focussed. Spending priorities are as follows:
 - 1: Teaching
 - 2: Targeted academic support
 - 3: Wider strategies
- Ensuring effective teaching in every classroom is the priority for PPG spending. To achieve this, we spend the PPG in the following ways:
 - Professional development
 - Recruitment and retention
 - Supporting early career teachers
- Evidence shows that targeted support has a positive impact and is a key component of effective PPG use. We spend the PPG on targeted support in the following ways
 - Structured interventions
 - Small group tuition
 - One-to-one support
- Wider strategies are used to overcome non-academic barriers to success. We spend the PPG on the following wider strategies:
 - Behaviour support
 - Holiday club
 - Attendance initiatives

7. USE OF THE LAC AND PLAC PREMIUMS

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- The LAC premium is managed by the LA's designated VSH.
- The premium is used to benefit a pupil's educational needs as described in their PEP.
- To avoid any delays in providing support, the school works with the VSH to ensure that funding allocation is as simple as possible.
- The LAC premium is used to facilitate a wide range of educational support for LAC.
- The designated teacher and carers work with the VSH to gain a full understanding of each pupil's needs and determine how to use the premium to support each pupil effectively.
- The designated teacher works with the VSH to ensure that all available funding is spent.
- PLAC premium is allocated directly to the school.
- LAC premium and PLAC premium are not personal budgets for individual pupils; however, the VSH and the school may choose to allocate an amount of funding to an individual to support their needs.

8. EXAMPLE INTERVENTIONS

- We may utilise the following achievement-focussed interventions:
 - Providing one-to-one and small group work with experienced teachers to address pupils' specific knowledge gaps
 - Creating additional teaching and learning opportunities using TAs
 - Targeting English and maths teaching for pupils who are below age-related expectations
 - Targeting pupils who require additional help to reach age-related expectations
- We may utilise the following teaching-focussed interventions:
 - A half-hour weekly CPD slot for staff
 - A termly one-day teaching development programme delivered by external experts
 - Weekly individual coaching sessions to support teachers
- We may utilise the following wellbeing-focussed interventions:
 - One-to-one counselling sessions
 - Occupational therapy-based interventions
 - Allocating funds to enable pupils to participate in extra-curricular activities

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- We may utilise the following communication-focussed interventions:
 - Vocabulary interventions for pupils with poor oral language and communication skills
 - Transport for parents to attend annual reviews
 - Support for pupils to access a range of off-site trips and experiences
- We may utilise the following independence-focussed interventions:
 - Work experience opportunities
 - Opportunities to lead sessions

9. USE OF THE SERVICE PUPIL PREMIUM (SPP)

- The SPP is provided to allow the school to give pastoral support to service children during challenging times and mitigate the negative impact of family mobility or parental deployment.
- Pupils qualify for the SPP if they meet at least one of the following criteria:
 - They have a parent serving in the regular armed forces.
 - They have been registered as a 'service child' on the January school census in the last six years.
 - They have a parent who died whilst serving in the armed forces and the pupil receives a pension under the armed forces compensation scheme or the war pensions scheme.
 - They have a parent who is on full commitment as part of the full-time reserve service, or one who is serving in the armed forces of another nation and is formally stationed in England.
- The school does not combine the SPP with any other form of PPG.
- SPP spending is accounted for separately to any other form of PPG.
- The school may use the SPP for:
 - Providing pastoral support in the form of counselling, nurture groups, clubs, etc.
 - Improving the means of communication between the pupil and their deployed parent(s), such as introducing a 'video call club'.
 - Helping pupils to develop scrapbooks and diaries that can be shown to their parent(s) on their return.
 - Funding staff hours spent assisting the pupil when they join a new school as a result of a new posting.

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- School trips specifically for service children, such as military-specific trips that allow pupils to join a wider community and better understand the role their service parent plays.
- The school does not use the SPP to subsidise routine school activities.

10. ACCOUNTABILITY

- Individual targets are set for each pupil in receipt of the PPG and their progress towards achieving these targets is analysed at the end of interventions.
- The progress of pupils in receipt of the PPG is regularly discussed with subject teachers.
- Ofsted inspections will report on the attainment and progress of disadvantaged pupils in receipt of the PPG.
- The school is held to account for the spending of the PPG through the focus in Ofsted inspections on the progress and attainment of the wider pupil premium-eligible cohort.
- The school publishes its strategy for using the PPG on the school website.
- The school publishes a link to the [school and college performance tables](#) search tool, as well as the schools' individual performance tables page, on the school website.

11. REPORTING

- The headteacher reports annually to the local governing body and parents regarding how effective PPG spending has been and what impact has been made.
- The impact of PPG spending, in terms of improving educational outcomes and cost effectiveness, is monitored, evaluated, and reviewed by the headteacher and the local governing body.
- The EEF's [DIY Evaluation Guide](#) is used to measure the impact of the school's spending.
- Information regarding PPG spending is published on the school website.
- For parents of pupils in receipt of PPG, details of the pupil's academic progress and behaviour are sent home in their reports. This information informs the development of additional or alternative strategies and interventions to further improve the attainment of these pupils.

12. PUPIL PREMIUM REVIEWS

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- If disadvantaged pupils are not meeting expected levels, or slow progress means they are failing to realise their full potential, the school will consider undertaking a pupil premium review to objectively evaluate the pupil premium strategy and identify ways to use the PPG more effectively.
- If requested to do so by Ofsted, the LA, or the DfE, the school will commission a pupil premium review.
- The school undertakes reviews in partnership with an experienced, independent system leader with a proven track record in improving outcomes for disadvantaged pupils.
- The cost of the review reflects the DfE's guideline that says day rates for external reviews should reflect pay and expenses for a senior leader, including any costs incurred by their school to release them.
- Where costs are prohibitive, the school considers the use of a joint review with local schools.
- The school may pay an additional cost for the brokerage service providing the reviewer.
- At the end of the review, the school has an improved strategy and plans to implement it.

13. OVERPAYMENT

- The school repays any overpayment of the PPG.

14. MONITORING AND REVIEW

- This document will be reviewed by the **headteacher** on an annual basis.
- The next scheduled review date for this document is **September 2025**.