

# Pupil Premium Statement 2019/20

The **Pupil Premium** was introduced in April 2011 to provide additional funding to support children who are looked after and those from low income families, including those eligible for Free School Meals.

The pupil premium funding, which is additional to main school funding, is a key way of narrowing the gap between Free School Meals (FSM) and Non-FSM students. This includes any child that has been registered for Free School Meals or a Child Looked After (CLA) within the past six years.

The DfE states that schools have the freedom to spend the funding as they see fit based upon their knowledge of pupil needs –

Schools will decide how to use the Pupil Premium. As they are best placed to assess what additional provision be made for individual pupils.'

'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 educational provision should be made for the individual pupils within their responsibility.' (DfE website)

For the financial period of **2019/20**, Sir John Lillie Primary School received a total of £178,200 Pupil Premium funding

At Sir John Lillie Primary School, we have high aspirations and expectations for all our children and strive to ensure they reach their full potential. Pupil Premium funding represents a significant proportion of our school's total budget and we are committed to ensuring it is used effectively.

Children who receive Pupil Premium funding are referred to as Disadvantaged children in all DfE documents.

# **Barriers to learning**

There are a range of barriers to learning that might exist for children receiving pupil premium funding.

These include:

- Poor attendance
- Behaviour concerns
- Family circumstances
- Lack of opportunities
- Social and emotional concerns
- Low expectations outside of school

# Monitoring the impact of Pupil Premium money

We will ensure that:

- A high profile is given to Pupil Premium Pupils.
- All staff are accountable for the attainment and progress of children in receipt of the pupil premium grant.

The progress and attainment of all pupils at Sir John Lillie Primary is rigorously tracked and analysed from a rich field of data in order to draw conclusions and set clear priorities for the future. We also consult with stakeholders and make use of a wide range of educational research in order to decide how best to spend our funding to maximise the opportunities for our pupils

#### Key focus of Pupil Premium money – Academic year 2019/20

## **Objectives**

The pupil premium money will be spent effectively to ensure:

- Disadvantaged pupils make expected or more than expected progress
- Social skills, confidence and self-esteem of targeted children are improved
- Punctuality of targeted children and families are improved
- Disadvantaged pupils are given opportunities they might not receive elsewhere
- Healthy eating and exercise is promoted

## **Strategies**

- Additional adults to run groups in Maths and Writing (with a focus on spelling in writing)
- Nurture group funded particularly targeting disadvantaged pupils.
- Adults to run phonics groups targeting disadvantaged pupils
- Continue to subsidise breakfast club/family café.
- Consultant to work with school on drafting and editing.
- Booster groups with a focus on Pupil Premium children.