

What is Pupil Premium?

The Pupil Premium Grant (PPG) is an allowance from the Government given to schools for children who access or who have accessed free school meals in the last 6 years, are looked after or adopted, or have a parent serving with the armed forces.



The grant is an amount per child and it is intended that schools use this money to close the gap in attainment between pupils and their peers. At Whinstone we ensure that the Pupil Premium Grant children not only progress academically, but also become more confident, motivated individuals, by providing opportunities for cultural, personal and social development. Money is spent based on the child's individual needs and interests.

Please help us to provide the best support for your child by registering for free school meals if you are eligible. Registering for free school meals is confidential and taking up the free school meal is recommended but is not compulsory.

Finding out if your child is eligible for the Pupil Premium is simple – please call the Confidential Free School Meals Helpline – 01642 526605 or email freeschoolmeals@stockton.gov.uk – they can assess your claim using an eligibility checker to confirm entitlement; if successful your claim will begin the same day. Even if your child already receives a free school meal because they are in Reception, Year One or Year Two, if you are eligible we would ask you to contact the Confidential Free School Meals Helpline as your child can also access the additional financial support outlined above. You can read more about free school meal eligibility [here](#).

The aims of our use of Pupil Premium are broad and include:

1. Historically, Pupil Premium children in Reception make good progress, at least in line with their school and national peers, to achieve a Good Level of Development.
2. Pupil premium children in Year 1 make good phonic progress, at least in line with their school and national peers, to reach the threshold in the phonics check.
3. Historically, Pupil Premium children make good progress, at least in line with the rest of the school, with each full cohort in school, in combined Maths, reading and writing.
4. Historically, Pupil Premium children make good progress, at least in line nationally, in combined reading, writing and maths, as well as the spelling, punctuation and grammar test at end of Year 6.
5. Pupil Premium children respond positively to support. They have a positive attitude and a 'can do' attitude.
6. Pupil Premium children have positive life experiences and opportunities similar to those of their peers.

How do we spend our Pupil Premium Grant?

Here are some examples of how we have spent our Pupil Premium Grant in order to promote inclusivity and close the attainment gap for individual children:

Inclusivity

- At the request of parents, uniform is bought for PPG children.
- Extra -curricular activities, school trips and social events
- Breakfast club and after school activities
- Music Tuition

Closing the gap

- Tracking pupil progress and 1:1s with PPG parents
- Additional TA time
- Play therapy and learning & language support
- Curriculum support materials
- Year 6 revision guides and dictionaries
- Purchase of Reading Plus reading scheme

Without the use of pupil premium money to support our children, the academic success, self-esteem and confidence of our children would not grow. By pinpointing the needs for every individual, the children thrive and not only achieve expected progress but in many cases, exceed the expected level of progress.

How we spend our grant

Our current planned Pupil Premium Strategy can be found on our website.