

# **Pupil Premium Policy**

## **Newfield Primary School**



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### 1. Aims

This policy aims to:

- › **Provide background information** about the pupil premium grant so that all members of the school community understand its purpose and which pupils are eligible
- › Set out **how the school will make decisions** on pupil premium spending
- › **Summarise the roles and responsibilities of those involved** in managing the pupil premium in school

### 2. Legislation and guidance

This policy is based on the pupil premium [allocations and conditions of grant guidance 2025 to 2026](#) and guidance on [using the pupil premium](#), [virtual school heads' responsibilities concerning the pupil premium](#), and the [service pupil premium](#) from the Department for Education (DfE).

### 3. Purpose of the grant

The pupil premium grant is additional funding allocated to publicly funded schools to raise the attainment of disadvantaged pupils and support pupils with parents in the armed forces.

The school will use the grant to support these groups, which comprise pupils with a range of different abilities, to narrow any achievement gaps between them and their peers.

We also recognise that not all pupils eligible for pupil premium funding will have lower attainment than their peers. In such cases, the grant will be used to help improve pupils' progress and attainment so that they can reach their full potential.

### 4. Use of the grant

At Newfield we aim to enable every child to fulfil their learning potential, with education that meets the needs of each child and to help every child to develop the skills, knowledge and personal qualities for life and work. The pupil premium funding is used to help support disadvantaged pupils, diminishing the attainment gap between them and their peers.

At Newfield we use the pupil premium funding to improve the quality of teaching and outcomes for disadvantaged pupils. By doing this, we also benefit non-eligible pupils as well, including families which have no recourse to public funds or multiple levels of deprivation. The headteacher and pupil premium lead meet

regularly to agree how the pupil premium funding will be spent and to monitor the impact and outcomes of the spending.

To prioritise spending, we have adopted a tiered approach to define our priorities and ensure balance. Our tiered approach comprises of three categories that are aligned to the pupil premium [guide published by the Education Endowment Foundation \(EEF\)](#) and the DfE's [guidance for schools leaders on using the pupil premium](#) which include:

1. Teaching - Spending on improving teaching which includes professional development, training and support for early career teachers and recruitment and retention. Ensuring an effective teacher is in front of every class, and that every teacher is supported to keep improving.
2. Targeted academic support - providing targeted academic support for one-to-one or small group intervention to classroom teaching for disadvantaged pupils.
3. Wider strategies – identifying and supporting significant non-academic barriers to success in school, including attendance, behaviour and social and emotional support.

Some examples of how the school may use the grant include, but are not limited to:

- Providing extra 1-to-1 or small-group support
- Employing extra teaching assistants
- Running catch-up sessions before or after school (for example, for children who need extra help with maths or literacy)
- Providing extra tuition where needed (for example, ahead of national assessments such as SATs)
- Funding educational trips, visits and in-school services

We will publish our strategy statement on the school's use of the pupil premium in each academic year on the school website, in line with the DfE's [guidance on using the pupil premium](#) and using the templates on GOV.UK.

Our pupil premium strategy statement is available on our school website: [www.newfield.brent.sch.uk](http://www.newfield.brent.sch.uk)

## 5. Eligible pupils

The pupil premium is allocated to the school based on the number of eligible pupils in Reception to Year 6.

Eligible pupils fall into the categories explained below.

### 5.1 Ever 6 free school meals

Pupils recorded in the most recent October school census who are known to have been eligible for free school meals at any point in the last 6 years (as determined by the DfE's latest conditions of grant guidance).

This includes pupils first known to be eligible for free school meals in the most recent October census.

It does not include pupils who received universal infant-free school meals but would not have otherwise received free lunches.

### 5.2 Looked-after children

Pupils who are in the care of, or provided with accommodation by, a local authority in England or Wales for at least 1 day. Allocations will be provisionally based on the children looked-after data return in March of the previous year, and then confirmed in December of the current year based on the children looked-after data return in March of the current year.

### 5.3 Previously looked-after children

Pupils recorded in the most recent October census who were looked after by an English or Welsh local authority immediately before being adopted, or who left local authority care on a special guardianship order or child arrangements order.

### 5.4 Ever 6 service children

Pupils recorded in the most recent October census:

- › With a parent serving in the regular armed forces
- › Who have been registered as a 'service child' in the school census at any point in the last 6 years (as determined by the DfE's latest conditions of grant guidance), including those first recorded as such in the most recent October census
- › In receipt of a child pension from the Ministry of Defence because one of their parents died while serving in the armed forces

## 6. Roles and responsibilities

### 6.1 Headteacher and senior leadership team

The headteacher and senior leadership team are responsible for:

- › Keeping this policy up to date, and ensuring that it is implemented across the school
- › Ensuring that all school staff are aware of their role in raising the attainment of disadvantaged pupils and supporting pupils with parents in the armed forces
- › Planning pupil premium spending and keeping this under constant review, using an evidence-based approach and working with virtual school heads where appropriate
- › Monitoring the attainment and progress of pupils eligible for the pupil premium to assess the impact of the school's use of the funding
- › Reporting on the impact of pupil premium spending to the governing board on an ongoing basis
- › Publishing the pupil premium strategy statement on the school's use of the pupil premium in each academic year on the school website, in line with the DfE's [guidance on using the pupil premium](#) and using the templates on GOV.UK.
- › Providing relevant training for staff, as necessary, on supporting disadvantaged pupils and raising attainment

### 6.2 Governors

The governing board is responsible for:

- › Holding the headteacher to account for the implementation of this policy
- › Ensuring the school is using pupil premium funding appropriately, in line with the rules set out in the conditions of grant
- › Monitoring the attainment and progress of pupils eligible for the pupil premium, in conjunction with the headteacher, to assess the impact and effectiveness of the school's use of the funding
- › Monitoring whether the school is ensuring value for money in its use of the pupil premium
- › Challenging the headteacher to use the pupil premium in the most effective way
- › Setting the school's ethos and values around supporting disadvantaged members of the school community

### **6.3 Other school staff**

All school staff are responsible for:

- › Implementing this policy on a day-to-day basis
- › Setting high expectations for all pupils, including those eligible for the pupil premium
- › Identifying pupils whose attainment is not improving in response to interventions funded by the pupil premium, and highlighting these individuals to the senior leadership team
- › Sharing insights into effective practice with other school staff

## **7. Monitoring arrangements**

This policy will be reviewed annually by the Pupil Premium Leader. At every review, the policy will be shared with the governing board.

## **8. Links with other policies**

This policy is linked to the Pupil Premium Strategy Statement.