



Brinsworth Whitehill Primary School

A part of Wickersley Partnership Trust

Pupil Premium Policy

Principles

The Governing Body and Senior Leadership Team of Brinsworth Whitehill Primary School accept the responsibility for the use of its Pupil Premium Funding to address the underlying inequalities between children eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) and their peers. The funding will be used to remove barriers to learning and ensure each student participates fully in all aspects of school life and reaches his/her full potential.

Background

The pupil premium is a Government initiative that provides specific funds targeted at improving outcomes for students from deprived backgrounds. Research has indicated that this group of students underachieve when compared to non-deprived peers. The premium is provided in order to support these pupils in fulfilling their potential and not being disadvantaged.

Funding

Rotherham Local Authority uses Ever 6 as an indicator of deprivation. Each child classed as an Ever 6 free school meals child is awarded £1320 per year. In addition to Ever 6 free school meals the LA issues and award of £1900 to each looked after child currently in their care. Students who have a parent serving in the armed forces are also awarded an amount of £300 per year.

Identifying Students

Brinsworth Whitehill Primary uses data provided by the DfE to initially identify students who have been awarded Pupil Premium Funding which is based on the January school Census. The Governing Body and SLT have stated that if a child becomes eligible for free school meals after the census date and was not previously categorised as an Ever 6 free school meals child, they will be treated exactly the same as a child who was awarded the Pupil Premium grant.

Provision and Tracking

Brinsworth Whitehill Primary provides a wide range of initiatives to ensure students, who have been awarded Pupil Premium funding, reach their full potential.

There are no guidelines on how this money can be spent, although performance tables will contain information about the impact schools have made on closing the gap between different groups.

Schools must evidence strategies in place to raise the attainment of FSM pupils and what the associated costs are with perhaps specific pupil case studies of the pupil premium money has been used alongside attainment and progress figures for this group of children.

Brinsworth Whitehill is committed to enabling all pupils to achieve to the best of their abilities. The children in receipt of Pupil Premium funding at Whitehill are from a range of backgrounds, ethnicities and ability groupings.

We recognise that not all children who receive free school meals will be socially disadvantaged and we also recognise that not all children that are disadvantaged have free school meals. The available evidence suggests that the amounts of parental investment in the early years is the important resource and this is not always closely linked to family income or parental education. Impoverishment is not so much about the lack of money as it is about the lack of cognitive and noncognitive stimulation given to young children. We therefore reserve the right to allocate Pupil Premium funding to support any child the school has identified as being socially disadvantaged and at risk.

Our allocation of funding is based on a large body of research in social science, psychology and neuroscience including the Educational Endowment Foundation (EEF).

We intend to invest in the developmental growth of at risk children through main programs of development.

Reporting

From 2012 we are *required* to publish details of our PPG on our Website, which must include;

- The amount of school's allocation
- Details of how it is intended to be spent
- Details of how the previous year's allocation was spent
- The effect of the expenditure on the attainment of the pupils the grant was intended for

This should be an *overall* breakdown of funding and how effective it has proved.

Note:

Ever 6 Free School Meals

When a school completes the January Census the DfE will look for any child who at any time during the last 6 years was claiming for free school meals. Any child who meets this criteria will be classes as an 'Ever 6 free school meals child'.