

The Serendipity School

Pupil Premium Grant Statement

Pupil Premium, first introduced in April 2011, is additional funding paid to schools for identified groups of students for two purposes:

- raising the attainment of disadvantaged students and closing the gap with their peers; and
- supporting children and young people with parents in the regular armed force.

The aims of the funding are as follows:

- to reduce the attainment gap between the highest and lowest achieving students nationally.
- to increase social mobility.
- to enable more students from disadvantaged backgrounds to get to the top universities.
- to provide additional resources to schools to do this.
- to support children looked after (CLA) and post - CLA.

There are four groups of children eligible for the grant funding. They are:

- children receiving free school meals (FSM) at any point in the past six years 'Ever 6 FSM'.
- current CLA.
- children who leave care on an order or 'Post CLA'.
- children whose parents are Armed Forces Service Personnel.

It is the Local Authority's decision as to how the funding is allocated. As an Independent Special School, we may not always receive the additional funding.

For the **2016 / 2017** academic year, the PPG received by the school provided:

- further literacy support through Lexia Reading™ which enables students of all ages and abilities to master essential reading skills, as a key means of enhancing academic prospects.
- support for Post 16 transition to college.
- a speech and language social skills group.
- team building activities.
- outdoor education opportunities.
- peripatetic music tuition.

In previous years, PPG has funded:

- additional technology to help individual students better engage in the curriculum, increase attainment grades and improve their prospects for accredited success.
- provision of 1:1 GCSE revision and tutorials to improve students' chances of GCSE success.
- supported transition to mainstream school.
- supported Pre 16 transition to college courses.

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- personalised literacy programmes.
- bespoke database to track achievement, progress and behaviour.

The following amounts of funding have been received

Academic Year	Funding Received
2012 / 2013	£1,269
2013 / 2014	£8,188
2014 / 2015	£13,476
2015 / 2016	£8,075
2016 / 2017	£8,320
2017 / 2018 to date	£4,935

