



Pupil Premium

The Government believes that the Pupil Premium Grant (PPG), which is additional to main school funding, is the best way to address the current underlying inequalities between children eligible for free school meals (FSM) and their wealthier peers by ensuring that funding to tackle disadvantage reaches the pupils who need it most. The school receives funding in respect of pupils who have been registered for Free School Meals at any time in the previous 6 months, children of Services personnel and children who have been cared for by the Local Authority in the previous 12 months.

At Bexton we are committed to ensuring that teaching and learning opportunities meet the needs of all pupils, in particular those of vulnerable or socially disadvantaged pupils. The Pupil Premium Grant (PPG) is used to ensure that all PPG pupils are supported in making progress. This progress is carefully and regularly tracked and there is an expectation that over the Key Stage, the majority of pupils will make a minimum of two levels of progress in English and Maths. Where we identify that PPG pupils are falling behind the expected levels of progress, or where we feel they are not achieving their potential, which may be more than this, targeted literacy and numeracy intervention programmes are put in place using qualified teachers and teaching assistants.

1. To close the gap in attainment for PPG pupils in core subjects.
2. To maintain high expectations and standards for pupils on PPG, ensuring targeted support is available to stretch our most able PPG pupils.
3. To ensure that all pupils are given the same opportunities to develop their potential and participate in extra-curricular activities in and outside of school.

Supporting Vulnerable Groups

We believe that one of the major barriers to learning for some of our more vulnerable pupils is the emotional issues they may face and the effect this has on their attitude to school. We prioritise the use of our Pupil Premium Grant to not only support pupils academically through focused literacy and numeracy interventions, but also to support them emotionally. Our HLTA provides a mentoring service to our more vulnerable children, including those on PPG, increasing self esteem and improving their attitude to education. To analyse the effectiveness of this provision, we will undertake an annual pupil survey.

Supporting Curricular and Extra-curricular activities

In order to narrow the gap for our PPG children, it is important that they have access to the same extra curricular activities and residential school visits as the rest of their cohort. Pupil Premium is therefore used to subsidise extra-curricular activities and residential trips for FSM children.