



Hampton Hargate Primary School

Pupil Premium Policy

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Hampton Hargate Primary School believes that all children, regardless of ability and behaviour are valued equally. Groups of pupils (eg. SEND pupils, children in care, EAL pupils etc) are not viewed as separate but are part of the whole school approach. As a Dyslexia Friendly School, we understand the importance of pupils acquiring literacy and numeracy whilst promoting a broad and balanced curriculum, accessible to all. We recognise that different children's needs are met through varied and flexible provision and the use of different styles of teaching & learning throughout the curriculum. Every Child Matters (ECM) is an important part of the school ethos and we encourage all staff, governors, visitors, helpers etc to play their part in promoting this. This policy therefore applies to all our children, regardless of their gender, faith, race, culture, family circumstances or sexuality.

This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare and safety of all children and expects all staff to share in this commitment. All staff must follow the guidelines set out in the relevant section of **myconcern®** which is available online.

Statement of Intent

At Hampton Hargate Primary School, we have high aspirations and ambitions for our children and we believe that no child should be left behind. We strongly believe that it is not about where you come from but your passion and thirst for knowledge, and your dedication and commitment to learning that make the difference between success and failure, and we are determined to ensure that our children are given every chance to realise their full potential. Pupil premium funding represents a significant proportion of our budget and this policy outlines how we will ensure it is spent to maximum effect to help all pupils reach their full potential.

1. Background

The pupil premium is a government initiative that targets extra money at pupils from deprived backgrounds. Research shows that some pupils from deprived backgrounds underachieve compared to their non-deprived peers. The premium is provided to enable these pupils in order to be supported to reach their full potential. The Government has used pupils entitled to free school meals (FSM), looked after children and service children as indicators of deprivation, and have provided a fixed amount of money for schools per pupil based on the number of pupils registered for FSM over a rolling six year period. This fixed amount of money is expected to increase every year for the course of this current Parliament. At Hampton Hargate Primary School we will be using the indicator of those eligible for FSM as well as identified vulnerable groups as our target children to 'close the gap' regarding attainment.

2. Context

When making decisions about using pupil premium funding it is important to consider the context of the school and the subsequent challenges faced. Common barriers for FSM children can be less support at home, weak language and communication skills, lack of confidence, more frequent behaviour difficulties, and attendance and punctuality issues. There may also be complex family situations that prevent children from flourishing. The challenges are varied and there is no "onesize fits all".

3. Key Principles

By following the key principles below, we believe we can maximise the impact of our pupil premium spending to ensure spending is both balanced and focused.

Building Belief

We will provide a culture where:

- staff believe in ALL children
- there are "no excuses" made for underperformance
- staff adopt a "solution-focused" approach to overcoming barriers
- staff support children to develop "growth" mindsets towards learning

Analysing Data

We will ensure that:

- All staff are involved in the regular analysis of data so that they are fully aware of strengths and weaknesses across the school
- We will continue to adopt the strategies that will be most effective and have maximum impact
- Regular Pupil Progress meetings identify children in need of further support or challenge

Identification of Pupils

We will ensure that:

- ALL teaching staff, designated staff and support staff are involved in the analysis of data and identification of pupils
- ALL staff are aware of who pupil premium and vulnerable children are
- ALL pupil premium children benefit from the funding, not just those who are underperforming
- Underachievement at all levels is targeted (not just lower attaining pupils)
- Children's individual needs are considered carefully so that we provide support for those children who could be doing "even better if...."

Improving Day to Day Teaching

We will continue to ensure that **all** children across the school receive excellent teaching, with increasing percentages of outstanding teaching achieved by using our team leaders to:

- Set high expectations
- Address any within-school variance
- Ensure consistent implementation of the non-negotiables, e.g. marking and guided reading
- Share good practice within the school and draw on external expertise when needed
- Provide high quality CPD
- Improve assessment through moderation and regular analysis

Increasing learning time

We will maximise the time children have to "catch up" through:

- Improving attendance and punctuality
- Providing earlier intervention (KS1 and EYFS)
- Extended learning out of school hours where necessary

Individualising support

"There's no stigma attached to being in an intervention in this school. Everyone needs something, whatever that might be, and so they're all getting something somewhere."

We will ensure that the additional support we provide is effective by:

- Looking at the individual needs of each child and identifying their barriers to learning and setting SMART targets

- Ensuring additional support staff and class teachers communicate regularly
- Using team leaders to provide high quality interventions across their phases
- Matching the skills of the designated support staff to the interventions they provide in order to address pupils' specific knowledge gaps
- Working with other agencies to bring in additional expertise
- School Home Support with our Family Support Worker
- Providing extensive support for parents to support their children's learning within the curriculum to manage in times of crisis
- Tailoring interventions to the needs of the child (e.g. Targeted maths revision sessions in the afternoons for children who struggle in the main lesson)
- Recognising and building on children's strengths to further boost confidence

Going the Extra Mile

In our determination to ensure that ALL children succeed we recognise the need for and are committed to providing completely individualised interventions for set periods of time to support children in times of crisis.

The school may utilise the following wellbeing-focussed interventions:

- One to One counselling session
- Allocating funds to enable pupils to participate in extra-curricular activities
- Vocabulary interventions for pupils with poor oral language and communication skills
- Support for pupils to access a range of off-site trips and experiences

4. Use of the service pupil premium (SPP)

The school will use the SPP to give pastoral support to service children during challenging times and mitigate the negative impact of family mobility or parental deployment when appropriate.

5. Monitoring and Evaluation

We will ensure that:

- A wide range of data is used – achievement data, pupils' work, observations, learning walks, case studies, and staff, parent and pupil voice
- Assessment Data is collected at key data points in the year so that the impact of interventions can be monitored regularly
- Assessments are closely moderated to ensure they are accurate
- Teaching staff and support staff attend and contribute to pupil progress meetings each term and the identification of children is reviewed
- Regular feedback about performance is given to children and parents
- Interventions are adapted or changed if they are not working
- Case studies are used to evaluate the impact
- A designated member of the SLT maintains an overview of pupil premium spending

- A governor is given responsibility for pupil premium

6. Reporting

When reporting about pupil premium funding we will include:

- Information about the context of the school
- Objectives for the year
- Reasons for decision making
- Analysis of data
- Use of research
- Nature of support and allocation
- Learning in the curriculum
- Social, emotional and behavioural issues
- Enrichment beyond the curriculum
- An overview of spending
- Total PPG (pupil premium grant) received
- Total PPG spent
- Total PPG remaining
- A summary of the impact of PPG
- Performance of disadvantaged pupils (compared to non-pupil premium children)
- Other evidence of impact e.g. Ofsted, Accreditations
- Implications for pupil premium spending the following year

The Governing Body will consider the information provided and will ensure that the annual Pupil Premium statement is published on the school website outlining how the Pupil Premium funding has been used to address the issue of closing the gap for pupils eligible for Pupil Premium. This task will be carried out in line with the requirements published by the Department for Education.

This policy will be reviewed every two years.

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This policy was adopted by the Full Governing Body on 15th January 2025

Signed:  on behalf of the Governing Body

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