

# Pupil Premium Policy

## Great Ponton CE Primary School



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## **Ethos Statement**

Great Ponton School offers a positive, safe learning environment for its community, in which everyone has equal and individual recognition and respect. We celebrate success and are committed to the continuous improvement and fulfilment of potential in every child. We encourage increasing independence and self-discipline amongst the pupils. Everyone within the school has an important role to play in sharing responsibility for the development of positive behaviour and attitudes.

## **Aims**

Our small church school seeks to build a community in which each person is confident in themselves and others, so that we can grow and flourish together. Through inclusive and inspiring education, we will support each person to act with dignity, develop their full potential and respond to challenges with resilience. We look to scripture for inspiration, and find many faithful heroes and heroines who achieved God's will through courage, wisdom and hope.

“Offering hope, building confidence, developing resilience.”

## **Background**

The pupil premium is a government initiative that targets extra money at pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds. Research shows that pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds underachieve compared to their non-disadvantaged peers. The premium is provided to enable these pupils to be supported to reach their 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. At Great Ponton we will be using the indicator of those eligible for FSM as well as identified vulnerable groups as our target children to increase attainment.

## **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. However, it is important not to stereotype children's barriers to learning.

There may also be complex family situations that prevent children from flourishing. The challenges are varied and there is no “one size fits all”.

### *Key Principles*

By following the key principles below, we believe we can maximise the impact of our pupil premium spending.

## **Building Belief**

We will provide a culture where:

- staff believe that there are “no limits” to what our children can achieve
- 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 analysis of data so that they are fully aware of strengths and weaknesses across the school
- We use research (e.g. Education Endowment Foundation Toolkit) to support us in determining the strategies that will be most effective

## **Identification of Pupils**

We will ensure that:

- ALL teaching 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 good 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
- Provide high quality CPD
- Improve assessment through joint levelling and moderation
- Increasing learning time

We will maximise the time children have to make progress through:

- Improving attendance and punctuality
- Providing earlier intervention (KS1 and EYFS)
- Extended learning out of school hours
- After school clubs
- 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 barriers to learning
- Ensuring additional support staff and class teachers communicate regularly
- Matching the skills of the support staff to the interventions they provide
- Working with other agencies to bring in additional expertise
- School Home Support
- Providing 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 sessions in the afternoons for children who struggle in the main lesson)
- Recognising and building on children’s strengths to further boost confidence (e.g Bronze Ambassadors in Sports)
- 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.

## 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 frequently 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 of pastoral interventions, such as on attendance and behaviour.

The Headteacher maintains an overview of pupil premium spending

A governor is given responsibility for pupil premium

The Governor responsible for Pupil Premium is **Marc Huggins**

## 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
- Families and community
- 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
- Case studies (pastoral support, individualised interventions)
- Implications for pupil premium spending the following year

The Governing Body will consider the information provided to ensure that pupil premium funding is used to achieve maximum impact for our children.

### **HAF 15% discretionary E-voucher allocation policy**

As in previous HAF delivery periods, schools have discretion to use up to 15% of their funding to provide E-vouchers for children who are not in receipt of benefits-related FSM but who the school believe could benefit from HAF.

The additional 15% is 15% of the current number of FSM as listed by Lincolnshire County Council. It is not 15% of the school's roll.

In deciding which children should benefit from the 15% E-vouchers, Great Ponton School ensure that these places are aligned to our school priorities.

The local authority continuously monitors and reviews the use and impact of the HAF programme in Lincolnshire. This helps us as a school to ensure an effective way to target our current cohort of disadvantaged children.

Great Ponton School want to ensure that we always offer to the most disadvantaged children.

To help us identify these children, we consider the following characteristics:

- Children assessed by the local authority as being in need, at risk or vulnerable
- Young carers
- Looked-after children or previously looked after children
- Children with special educational needs and/or disabilities who have been identified will benefit from HAF
- Children who have low attendance rates at school or who are at risk of exclusion
- Children living in areas of high deprivation or from low-income households who are not in receipt of free school meals
- Elective home educated children
- Youth offenders
- Ukrainian and Afghanistan refugees

The limited places are accessed and allocated by the SLT, which includes the Headteacher and SENCO. None of the above listed characteristics carry more weight when being considered than any other. The allocation will be based on the most disadvantaged children who the SLT consider will receive the most benefit from the E-vouchers.

If the allocation is not taken up by the family at the first time of offer, they will not be considered in the next round of allocation. Great Ponton School wants to ensure the allocation has the maximum positive benefit for the most disadvantaged children and families identified.

Parents reserve the right to decline the offer of the allocation, and this can be done by informing the Headteacher.

No other families will be informed as to the allocation of the E-Vouchers.