

## **PUPIL PREMIUM GRANT 2012-13 and plans for 2013-14**

### **Information about the Pupil Premium Grant**

The Government believes that the Pupil Premium grant, 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 peers by ensuring that funding to tackle disadvantage reaches the pupils who need it most.

The Pupil Premium was introduced in April 2011 and is allocated to schools to work with pupils who have been registered for free school meals at any point in the last six years (known as 'Ever 6 FSM'). The grant for each child is £900 from April 2013 and rises to £1300 in April 2014.

### **How we use Pupil Premium grant at West Hill School**

To help us decide how best to spend the money to ensure that children make as much progress as they possibly can, we take note of the latest research into those strategies which really do make a difference and more importantly, avoid those that are known not to be effective.

At West Hill, we have already used a significant part of this grant to support our reading programme in years 7, 8 and 9 as we know that currently the biggest challenge to our children making excellent progress across all subjects is poor reading ability. We are also using some funding to support staff training in use of feedback. The rest of the money has been used to target individual needs on a case by case basis. Examples include funded after school clubs, alternative vocational courses in years 10 and 11, home laptops to support home-learning and curriculum day trips.

<b>Number of pupils and pupil premium grant (PPG) received</b>	
Total number of pupils on roll	91
Total number of pupils on roll eligible for PPG	19
Amount of PPG received per pupil on roll	£600
Total number of pupils eligible for PPG at some point in prior 6 years (Ever 6)	16
Amount of Ever 6 PPG received per pupil	£600
In Year PP adjustments	£1,805
<b>Total amount of PPG received</b>	<b>£22,805</b>
<b>Summary of PPG spending 2012/13</b>	

### **Objectives in spending PPG:**

- Improve reading accuracy, fluency, comprehension and confidence.
- Ensure pupils eligible for free school meals perform at least in line with their non-FSM peers
- Improve attendance, 0 exclusions
- Increase stay-on rate post 16

- Ensure no child is excluded from participating in off-site learning opportunities
- Ensure all pupils can access home-learning equally
- Ensure families without transport can attend key school progress meetings

**Summary of spending and actions taken:**

- Laptops provided to eligible pupils
- Practical items bought to ensure attendance and dignity, e.g. uniform
- Transport-challenged families were provided with a taxi to attend key meetings
- West Hill provided enhanced transition provision for those who were at risk of becoming NEET (not in education, employment or training) , including transport and attendance at college interviews
- Personalised alternative provision was subsidised (3 pupils)
- After-school and holiday clubs offered free to those eligible for pupil premium funding
- 1: 1 support for one pupil to support attendance (medical needs)

**Outcomes to date:**

- All eligible pupils have access to a computer and Internet to access home-learning, where parents have consented, therefore providing equality of opportunity for all
- Attendance for identified pupils significantly increased
- Hard-to-reach families attended Annual Review and other key meetings
- Attendance and achievement both in-school and in alternative provision successful: no permanent exclusions and successful transfer to more appropriate schooling secured in 2 cases. Appropriate college placement secured and still attending college as of November 2013
- Eligible pupils have progressed at least in line with their non-FSM peers

**Planned spending for 2013-14**

The school will continue to:

- monitor progress, attendance and behaviour of all children but particularly evaluate that of pupils in receipt of pupil premium funding as one of the school groups
- Identify appropriate additional interventions and evaluate their effectiveness against the objectives and actions identified
- Monitor parental attendance at parent's evenings, annual reviews and events for those in receipt of PPG and engage effectively with those families through personalised approaches