



Pupil Premium-Planned use at Greenside School 2016 / 17

Context

The DfE provides additional funding to schools in the form of the Pupil Premium in order that specific groups of learners aged between 4 and 16, who may be disadvantaged by virtue of the family circumstances, can be supported in their progress and attainment.

Funding is received for learners who are:

1. Eligible for free school meals
2. "Looked After" i.e. in care or fostered
3. From a Service family i.e. Army, Navy or RAF

In 2016/17 the DfE allocated £1,320 per eligible primary aged learners and £935 for eligible secondary aged learners in group 1, £1,900 for eligible learners in group 2 and £300 per eligible learner in group 3.

Greenside School has received a total of £35,000 Pupil Premium funding for eligible learners for the financial year 2016 / 17.

The profile of eligible learners at Greenside School during the current financial year is as follows:

1. Eligible for free school meals – 23%
2. "Looked After" i.e. in care or fostered – 8%
3. From a Service family i.e. Army, Navy or RAF – 0%

The Pupil Premium funding that the DfE provides is not necessarily intended to be specifically allocated to individual learners and schools have the freedom to decide how it can best be spent to ensure that the maximum number of learners are supported. There may well be limited impact that the individual sums for the different eligible groups can achieve and for this reason the funds allocated to Greenside School have been pooled to maximise their impact. This is the approach many schools take to using this additional funding

Deployment

Greenside provides a rich and diverse curriculum to all of learners, including those who are eligible for Pupil Premium funding.

The curriculum we offer learners is individualised to meet their specific needs and we achieve this through the employment of a highly experienced and well trained staff.

We also maintain high levels of staff in all classes to ensure that all children receive the individual approaches to learning that will ensure they make good progress.

The additional funding we receive through the Pupil Premium helps us to:

1. Employ high levels of staff in each classroom to meet the needs of learners.
2. Provide selected learners with additional support in developing their communication skills or accessing the curriculum.
3. Provide enrichment activities such as; riding for the disabled, residential experience, and special creative events provided by external providers such as animal experience days, drumming workshops, circus skills and participation in sports events.

4. Ensure all staff receive appropriate training in key areas of their work including; safeguarding, moving and handling, behaviour support and communication to ensure they best prepared to support individual learner needs.

5. Provide access to specialist input and treatment from a Sensory Integration Occupational Therapist to help children with autism better manage their sensory processing difficulties.

During the academic year 2016 / 17 we will continue to work closely with social workers of children who are Looked After to agree on spending priorities.