



PUPIL PREMIUM POLICY 2023/24

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Wickersley School and Sports College – Pupil Premium Policy

1. Principles

The Governing Body and Senior Leadership Team of Wickersley School and Sports College (WSSC) accept the responsibility for the use of its Pupil Premium Funding to address the underlying inequalities between children eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) and their wealthier peers. The funding will be used to remove barriers to learning and ensure each student participates fully in all aspects of school life and reaches his or her full potential.

2. Background

The pupil premium is a Government initiative that provides specific funds targeted at improving outcomes for students from deprived backgrounds. Research has indicated that this group of students underachieve when compared to non-deprived peers. The premium is provided in order to support these pupils in fulfilling their potential and not being disadvantaged.

3. Funding

Rotherham Local Authority (RLA) uses Ever 6 as an indicator of deprivation (Please see section on Ever 6 free school meals child). Each child classed as an Ever 6 free school meals child is awarded £900 per year. In addition to Ever 6 free school meals RLA issues an award of £900 to each child currently in the care of their care. Students who have a parent serving in the armed forces are also awarded an amount of £300 per year.

4. Identifying Students

WSSC used data provided by RLA to initially identify students who have been awarded Pupil Premium Funding which is based on the January Census. The Governing Body and SLT have stated that if a child becomes eligible for free school meals after the census date and was not previously categorised as an Ever 6 free school meals child, they will be treated exactly the same as a child who was awarded the Pupil Premium grant.

5. Provision and Tracking

WSSC provides a wide range of initiatives to ensure students who have been awarded Pupil Premium funding reach their full potential, these include:

- Enhancement to the timetable to provide smaller class sizes in core subjects Maths and English
- Intensive Literacy Support to improve literacy in Key Stage 3
- Intensive Numeracy Support to improve numeracy in Key Stage 3
- Timetabled 1-1 support for students in need of intensive support in all subjects
- Alternative Curriculum Routes
- AIG and Careers support

- Subsidised costs for students visits
- Subsidised costs for activities taking place during the school holidays **6. Reporting**

At the end of each academic year WSSC will publish a report which aims to answer the following questions:

- The amount of Pupil Premium funding the school received
- How this funding was used to support the needs of Ever 6 free school meals children
- What was the impact of the funding
- The report for each academic year will be published on the school website by the end of the following September

Note:

Ever 6 Free School Meals

When a school completes the January Census RLA will look for any child who at any time during the last 6 years was claiming for free school meals. Any child who meets this criteria will be class as an "Ever 6 free school meals child"