

# Pupil Premium

The Pupil Premium funding 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. Schools also receive funding for pupils who have been looked after and pupils of service personnel. In addition, the funding now supports those children who have special guardianship orders, but have previously been in the care of the LA.

The Government believes that the Pupil Premium, which is additional to the Academy's main funding, is the best way to address the current underlying inequalities between pupils 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 is used strategically to ensure maximum impact on attainment. As an Academy we will work hard to support disadvantaged pupils. We will regularly review our actions and their impact, and add or remove initiatives to ensure continued success, raised aspirations and to limit social exclusion.

A culture of high expectations and consistency of progress and achievement for all pupils is being embedded throughout our Academy, irrespective of gender, race, culture or socio-economic background, and this is enhanced further by ensuring Pupil Premium is used to maximum effect.

## **At Woodnewton – a learning community:**

- We are committed to 'narrowing the gap' between all pupils and any specific cohort or group of pupils.
- We will ensure teaching and learning opportunities meet the needs of our pupils.
- We will ensure that appropriate provision is made for pupils who belong to vulnerable groups; this ensures that the needs of pupils are adequately assessed and addressed.
- We reserve the right to allocate the Pupil Premium to support any pupil or group of pupils we have legitimately identified as being disadvantaged.
- Funds will be allocated following an analysis which will identify priority groups or individuals.
- Not all eligible pupils will be in receipt of Pupil Premium interventions at one time.

## **At Woodnewton – a learning community we aim:**

- To close the 'in Academy' gap between the disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged pupils;
- To increase the percentage of disadvantaged pupils 'Working At' age related expectations and 'Greater Depth' in Reading, Writing and Maths.

## **Is your child eligible for free school meals/pupil premium funding?**

Once you have signed up to School Gateway to receive all our communications there is a simple check you can undertake to see if you may be eligible. This notifies the

Office Team who will follow this up with you. Wendy Docherty would then speak with you asking for your name, date of birth and National Insurance Number to undertake a further check with your permission.

If you qualify, you will receive a reference number that you simply bring in and show us at the Academy to start receiving meals and the school can receive additional funding to support your child. This additional funding is then spent on resources such as extra staff, books or school trips for eligible children.