

Pupil Premium Grant  
A KULB wide strategy regarding allocation of funding

The DfE has given us the freedom to use the Pupil Premium as we see fit, based upon our knowledge of our student needs.

*'It is for schools to decide how the Pupil Premium, allocated to schools per FSM student, is spent, since they are best placed to assess what additional provision should be made for the individual students within their responsibility.'*

However, we are accountable for the use of this additional funding. In making decisions on the use of the Pupil Premium we will:

- Ensure that Pupil Premium funding allocated to our school is used primarily for its intended purpose.
- Use the latest evidence based research such as Sutton Trust on proven strategies which work to narrow the attainment gaps and adapt these as necessary to meet the needs of our students.
- Be transparent in our reporting of how we have used the Pupil Premium, so that our parents, interested stakeholders and Ofsted are fully aware of how this additional resource has been used to make a difference.

Further to this we will:

- Be mindful of the fact that eligibility and take up of FSM does not equate with students being considered to be of 'low ability' because of their social circumstances.
- Ensure there is robust monitoring and evaluation in place to account for the use of the Pupil Premium, by the school and governing body
- Recognise the fact that FSM students are not an homogeneous group and cover a wide range of needs. As such the strategies we use to raise attainment will take this group and individual needs fully into account
- Use high quality teaching and learning as the preferred way to narrow the gaps in attainment in the first instance.
- We will also use high quality interventions with proven evidence of impact to assist our students who need additional support in a time limited way.
- Use the Pupil Premium for all year groups not just those taking key tests and examinations at the end of the year
- Encourage take up of FSM by working proactively with our parents and carers in a sensitive and supportive manner and to remove any potential barriers or stigma attached to claiming FSM. In doing so, we also recognise the vital role that parents and carers play in the lives of their children.

*'Pupil Premium Grant' means the sum of money allocated to the local authority for the school under section 14 of the Education Act 2002(a) and which is subject to a condition that that money is for allocation to schools by the local authority.*