

Pupil Premium

What is Pupil Premium and How Does the School Measure the Impact of Funding Received and Deployed?

The Pupil Premium Grant provides additional funding for publicly funded schools in England, on top of the main funding a school receives. It is targeted at pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds to ensure that they benefit from the same opportunities as pupils from less deprived families, with the aim of closing the gap between them and their peers.

We measure the impact of the funding by looking at the outcomes achieved in KS1 and KS2 assessments. For this academic year, we will also take into consideration outcomes in KS2 school assessments and how successful the school is in raising outcomes in the official May 2020 KS2 assessments.

Summary of the Main Barriers to Educational Achievement that Disadvantaged Pupils Face at St. Edward's

Relative poverty is reflected in the number of pupils that are registered as being eligible for 'free school meals' (FSM) at any point in the previous six years. The school itself is located in an area of high deprivation. In fact, St. Edward's is in the top quintile for deprivation and, for some pupils, this means less access to support at home, less cultural capital and less ambition than is the norm.

The school has a multi-cultural intake and pupil mobility is above the national average. In addition, the proportion of pupils who have English as an additional language is significantly above the national average and in the top 20% of schools nationwide. Moreover, some of our most disadvantaged pupils have special educational needs and/or behavioural and/or mental health issues.

Funding is currently £1,320 for every pupil (in year groups Reception - Year 6) who is in receipt of FSM in the previous 6 years (Ever 6) and £2,300 for every pupil who has been in local authority care. The school received £196,311 Pupil Premium in academic year 2016/17, £180,510 in 2017/18 and £157,244 in 2018/19.

How the Funding Has Been Used in 2018/19

In addition to the ongoing policy of maintaining small class sizes and sustaining two forms in Years 4, 5 and 6, the funding has been deployed in a number of ways, with a specific focus on Mathematics, Literacy and Extended Learning. The school has also used the funding to support the education of its disadvantaged pupils and provide help for those whose levels of attainment are below expectation in the following ways:

Actions Focused on Learning in the Curriculum:

- robust reporting and monitoring systems used to identify need and to determine the necessary interventions, led by the Inclusion Manager;
- small group, booster classes and one-to-one sessions;
- holiday and after-school clubs in a range of areas including sports and the creative arts;

- support for those pupils who are achieving below expectations, particularly in Mathematics;
- provision of literacy materials and reading books.

Actions Focused on Social, Emotional, Mental and Behavioural Issues:

- Intervention Teacher support;
- Early Help Family Practitioner service;
- Educational Psychologist support service;

Impact of Pupil Premium Funding on Whole School Progress:

KS2

In Reading, Writing and Mathematics, attainment of the disadvantaged at KS2 was below national and school averages in all the following suite of examination subjects (Mathematics, Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling, Reading), but was in line for Writing.

Progress in Reading and Mathematics was also below national and school averages, but was in line for Writing.

KS1

In Reading, 95% of Pupil Premium students made at least expected progress;

In Writing, 91% of Pupil Premium students made at least expected progress;

In Mathematics, 100% of pupils made at least expected progress.

This Year, Resources are Being Focused Upon:

Budget

1-2-1 Learning Support - £96,613

Inclusion Manager - £30,900

Early Help Family Practitioner - £9,067

Intervention Teacher - £7,000

Educational Psychologist - £6,000

Pupil After-School and Holiday Clubs/Pupil and Family Support - £4,000

Booster Classes - £3,000

School Uniform - £500