

Information about Pupil Premium for parents and carers

What is Pupil Premium?

Pupil Premium is funding given to schools to help to support disadvantaged students from Year 7 to Year 11, and to help to close the gap in attainment between these students and their peers. It is allocated to schools for every student who has been registered for free school meals at any point in the last six years, and for Children Looked After and children of Service Personnel. Over the last three years, Y11 Pupil Premium students at King Ecgbert School have made better progress than the average of all students nationally.

How is the money spent?

We receive £935 per student. 19% of our students are Pupil Premium. This year our Pupil Premium Budget is £186,065.

We invest the money to help students make the same progress as other children in their year group and nationally. Department of Education guidelines state that the money is not intended to be spent directly on individual students, but used by the school to give support where needed.

This year we will use the funds to focus on ensuring all students can demonstrate our school values: Excellence, Respect, Aspiration.

Excellence.

We aim for academic excellence. Teachers will set high expectations for all students and teach in ways which maximise progress. Students who are struggling may be supported with extra teaching sessions and mentoring. There will be a focus on improving literacy (reading and writing) as these are essential for success in all subjects. We also employ a librarian who is skilled at helping students choose books which will enable them to read for pleasure and students in Y7 and Y8 have a dedicated reading hour (Accelerated Reading). Students and families will be supported to ensure good quality home learning takes place to support work done in school. We also use the fund to contribute to the costs of curriculum trips and equipment.

An attendance officer will continue to set high expectations of attending school so students don't fall behind. Year managers support children to overcome problems which stop them from coming to school. We also provide free breakfasts for students entitled to a free school meal.

Respect

We expect students to show respect at all times: to each other, the staff, the school, their environment and community. Our behaviour system helps students to understand the consequences of their actions and to regulate their own behaviour. We provide year managers who support students to make positive changes. We have an inclusion manager who works alongside the year managers to support students when they are experiencing significant problems either at home or at school.

Aspiration

We want all our students to have aspirations and personal goals beyond school. This means thinking about their future and really aiming high. We have introduced 'the pledge' as a focus for discussion in form time. We also run extra activities and trips to help students find out about opportunities available to them, e.g. visiting universities and finding out about different careers. We have a careers manager who helps students to prepare for an aspirational future.

As part of that preparation for the future, we encourage students to take part in extra-curricular activities and experiences which will broaden horizons and build character and confidence, essential attributes for future success. All students get the opportunity to take part in trips and clubs and to take leadership responsibility through school council and the house system. We help with the costs of extra-curricular trips and lessons including music lessons and trips abroad.

Useful contacts from Sheffield council.

Organisation/ area of help	Website	Telephone
Sheffield directory: links to all services available in Sheffield and nationally, including child benefit and working tax credits	www.sheffielddirectory.org.uk	
Citizens Advice Bureau (helps people with housing, debt, employment and benefits including Universal Credit):	www.citizensadvice.org.uk/sheffield	Advice Line: 03444 113 111
Universal Credit	www.gov.uk/universal-credit/overview	From a mobile: 0345 608 8545 From a landline: 0845 608 8545
Housing benefit and council tax support	www.sheffield.gov.uk/home/benefits	0114 273 6777
Free School Meals	www.sheffield.gov.uk/home/schools-childcare/school-meals	0114 273 4567
Affordable warmth schemes	Warm home discount www.gov.uk/the-warm-home-discount-scheme Cold Weather payment www.gov.uk/winter-fuel-payment	
Transport. Advice on child fares and tickets	www.travelsouthyorkshire.com/childpasses	