



PUPIL PREMIUM POLICY

Longton Primary and Nursery School

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1. Purpose

Pupil Premium is additional funding provided to schools to improve outcomes for disadvantaged pupils. At Longton Primary and Nursery School, we use the funding according to identified need, evidence and the circumstances of our pupils.

Our aim is that disadvantaged pupils achieve well, make appropriate progress and are able to take part fully in school life. Our approach reflects our school values: CARE, GROW and SHINE.

Pupil Premium is not an individual budget for named pupils. The school decides how the funding is used to support the disadvantaged cohort and address identified barriers.

2. Pupil Premium and eligibility

Pupil Premium funding is provided for eligible pupils in accordance with the current Department for Education conditions of grant. This includes eligible pupils who are:

- eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) under the targeted FSM arrangements and who meet the relevant Pupil Premium criteria;
- eligible through the FSM Ever 6 arrangements;
- looked after children;
- previously looked after children, where the relevant criteria are met; and
- eligible service pupils through Service Pupil Premium.

The school also considers the needs of pupils who experience disadvantage or vulnerability and may, where permitted by the funding conditions, use appropriate provision to support them. Eligibility for funding does not automatically determine what support an individual pupil receives.

3. Free School Meals changes from September 2026

From September 2026, Free School Meals eligibility has been expanded. There are now Targeted FSM arrangements and Expanded FSM arrangements.

Pupils eligible through the Targeted FSM arrangements can attract Pupil Premium where the relevant Pupil Premium criteria are met. Pupils who become eligible for FSM solely through the Expanded FSM arrangements do not attract Pupil Premium and are not included in the FSM Ever 6 Pupil Premium cohort.

For 2026–27, schools also receive a separate Free School Meals Expansion Grant to support the transition to the expanded entitlement. This is separate from Pupil Premium and will be recorded and used as a separate funding stream.

Early Years Free School Meals funding is also separate from Pupil Premium. The school will follow the relevant arrangements for eligible nursery children.

4. How we use Pupil Premium

The school uses Pupil Premium to address the barriers identified for our disadvantaged pupils. Provision may include:

- high-quality teaching and additional teaching support;

- targeted intervention, including small-group or individual support where appropriate;
- speech, language, communication and vocabulary development;
- support for attendance, engagement, behaviour and wellbeing;
- pastoral support and work with families;
- access to resources, enrichment and wider opportunities; and
- staff development where this is likely to improve outcomes for disadvantaged pupils.

Provision is not automatically the same for every Pupil Premium pupil. The school considers individual need and may change or stop support when assessment shows that a different approach is required.

5. Identifying need and evaluating impact

The school uses a range of information to identify need and review the impact of support. This may include:

- assessment and progress information;
- teacher knowledge and formative assessment;
- book scrutiny and learning walks;
- lesson visits and observations;
- pupil voice and, where appropriate, parent or carer feedback; and
- relevant attendance, behaviour, wellbeing and wider information.

The school looks at both academic and wider outcomes. Impact is considered at individual, group and cohort level, taking account of the small size of the school's Pupil Premium cohort and the individual circumstances of pupils.

Where an approach is not having the intended impact, the school will review the provision and make changes.

6. Roles and responsibilities

Role	Responsibility
Headteacher / senior leaders	Oversee the strategy, use of funding and evaluation of impact.
Pupil Premium lead	Coordinate provision, monitor pupils' progress and support evaluation.
Class teachers and staff	Provide high-quality teaching, identify need and contribute to monitoring.
SENCo and relevant leaders	Work with staff and families where disadvantage overlaps with SEND or other identified needs.
Governors	Provide appropriate challenge and oversight of the use and impact of Pupil Premium.

7. Looked-after and previously looked-after children

The school recognises the particular needs of looked-after and previously looked-after children. Support is coordinated through the Designated Teacher and relevant professionals, including the Virtual School where

appropriate. The school uses Pupil Premium Plus in line with the relevant arrangements and the child's identified educational needs.

8. Monitoring, reporting and review

The Headteacher and senior leaders monitor the use and impact of Pupil Premium funding. Governors receive appropriate information through the school's normal monitoring and pupil performance arrangements.

The school publishes the required Pupil Premium strategy statement using the Department for Education requirements and reviews it annually. The strategy is updated when evidence shows that priorities or provision need to change.

The school keeps appropriate records of spending, provision and impact. Individual pupil information is treated confidentially.

9. Links with other policies

This policy should be read alongside the school's:

- Behaviour Policy
- SEND Policy
- Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy
- Teaching and Learning Policy
- Attendance Policy
- Equality and Diversity arrangements

10. Policy review

This policy will be reviewed annually, or sooner if there is a significant change to Department for Education requirements or the school's arrangements.

Current statutory requirements and Department for Education conditions of grant take precedence where guidance or funding arrangements change.

Key current guidance

Department for Education: Using Pupil Premium – guidance for school leaders; Pupil Premium allocations and conditions of grant 2026–27; Pupil Premium overview; Free School Meals guidance and FSM Expansion Grant arrangements. The school will use the current versions of these documents when applying the policy.