



Pupil Premium: How We Help Every Child Shine

At Parkgate, we believe every child deserves the chance to thrive, feel confident, and reach their full potential. The **Pupil Premium** is extra funding that our school receives from the government to help us support children who may face additional challenges. This support allows us to give pupils the boost they need to make great progress in their learning and to enjoy all aspects of school life.

What Is the Pupil Premium?

The government provides this funding to help children who may be at risk of falling behind, particularly those from families who may be experiencing financial difficulty. Research has shown that these pupils don't always have the same opportunities as their peers, and the Pupil Premium is designed to bridge that gap. Children who may qualify for Pupil Premium include:

- Pupils who are or have been eligible for **Free School Meals (FSM)** in the last six years
- Pupils who are **looked after** or previously looked after
- **Service children**, whose parents work in the armed forces

Currently, around **13.5%** of our pupils meet the government's eligibility criteria. We use this funding carefully and thoughtfully to make a real difference for these children, guided by national research from the Education Endowment Foundation (EEF).

Understanding Our School Community

Each child is unique, and so are the challenges they may face. Some pupils may need extra help with language, confidence, behaviour, or attendance. Others may benefit from emotional support or more learning time.

There is no “one size fits all,” so we look closely at each child’s needs. All teachers are involved in tracking progress, identifying barriers, and planning support so that every pupil can flourish.

Our Principles

At Parkgate, we base our Pupil Premium work on a few simple but important beliefs:

- **High-quality teaching** benefits every child.
- We make sure that pupils who may need extra help are identified early and supported fully.
- We understand that not all children receiving Free School Meals are disadvantaged, and not all disadvantaged children claim Free School Meals. We support children based on need—not labels.
- We use the funding strategically to support individuals, groups, or classes where it will have the greatest impact.

How We Use Pupil Premium to Support Children

Our aim is always to help children feel confident, make good progress, and reach at least age-related expectations. Support may include:

- **Personalised learning plans** for children who need them
- **Small-group sessions** led by teachers or teaching assistants to strengthen reading, writing, or maths
- **1:1 support or tutoring** to help children, including high achievers, reach their full potential
- **Specialist interventions** such as phonics, reading fluency, or basic maths skills
- **Mentoring**, emotional support, or behaviour support

- Support with the **transition to secondary school**
- **Funding for trips, residentials, and special activities**, so all children can enjoy enriching experiences
- Providing access to specialised **learning software, PE, or music provision and providing a Chromebook loan scheme** to bridge any digital divide

This list may change as we adapt our support to meet the needs of our children each year.

We believe in being open about how we use our Pupil Premium funding.

- Our **Pupil Premium Lead** completes the official DfE strategy document each year, which is published on the school website.
- Regular reports are shared with the Governing Body, including:
 - How well pupils are progressing
 - What support has been put in place and how effective this has been
 - Pupil's own ideas about change and support that they receive

Governors ensure the annual Pupil Premium Strategy is available on our website so families can see how the funding is being used to support children

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