

# Acton CE Primary Academy



**To develop the learners of tomorrow and equip them with the skills  
to flourish and succeed for nothing is impossible with God-Luke  
1:37**

## Pupil Premium

This Pupil Premium Policy was discussed and approved by staff and  
governors

Signed:

Chair of Governors.....

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### Aims:

In Acton CE Primary Academy, we have high aspirations and ambitions for our children and we believe that no child should be left behind. We strongly believe that it is not about where you come from but your passion and thirst for knowledge, and your dedication and commitment to learning that make the difference between success and failure and we are determined to ensure that our children are given every chance to realise their full potential.

### Background

The pupil premium is a Government initiative that targets extra money at pupils from deprived backgrounds. Research shows that pupils from deprived backgrounds underachieve compared to their non-deprived peers. The premium is provided to enable these pupils to be supported to reach their potential. The Government has used pupils entitled to free school meals (FSM), looked after children and service children as indicators of deprivation, and have provided a fixed amount of money for schools per pupil based on the number of pupils registered for FSM over a rolling six year period.

In Acton, we will be using the indicator of those eligible for FSM as well as identified vulnerable groups as our target children to 'close the gap' regarding attainment.

### Context

When making decisions about using pupil premium funding it is important to consider the context of the school and the subsequent challenges faced. Common barriers for FSM children can be less support at home, weak language and communication skills, lack of confidence, more frequent behaviour difficulties and attendance and punctuality issues. There may also be complex family situations that prevent children from flourishing. The challenges are varied and there is no "one size fits all".

### Key Principles

By following the key principles below, we believe we can maximise the impact of our pupil premium spending.

We will provide a culture where:

- staff believe in ALL children
- there are "no excuses" made for underperformance
- staff adopt a "solution-focused" approach to overcoming barriers
- staff support children to develop "growth" mindsets towards learning
- **Analysing Data**
- We will ensure that:
  - all staff are involved in the analysis of data so that they are fully aware of strengths and weaknesses across the school
  - we use research (Such as the Sutton Trust Toolkit) to support us in determining the strategies that will be most effective
- **Identification of Pupils**
- We will ensure that:
  - all teaching staff and support staff are involved in the analysis of data and identification of pupils
  - all staff are aware of who our pupil premium and vulnerable children are
  - all pupil premium children benefit from the funding, not just those who are underperforming
  - underachievement at all levels is targeted (not just lower attaining pupils)
  - children's individual needs are considered carefully so that we provide support for those children who could be doing "even better if....."

### **Improving Day to Day Teaching**

We will continue to ensure that all children across the school receive at least good teaching and learning provision by:

- setting high expectations
- addressing any within-school variance
- ensuring consistent implementation of the non-negotiables, e.g. marking and guided reading
- sharing good practice within the school and drawing on external expertise
- providing high quality CPD
- improving assessment through professional dialogue and moderation
- **Increasing learning time**
- We will maximise the time children have to "catch up" through:
  - improving attendance and punctuality
  - providing earlier intervention (KS1 and EYFS)
  - extending learning out of school hours
  - interventions after school

### **Individualising support**

We will ensure that the additional support we provide is effective by:

- looking at the individual needs of each child and identifying their barriers to learning
- ensuring additional support staff and class teachers communicate regularly
- matching the skills of the support staff to the interventions they provide
- working with other agencies to bring in additional expertise
- using Beanstalk - volunteer readers
- improving school/home support
- providing extensive support for parents
- tailoring interventions to the needs of the child (e.g. Targeted maths revision sessions in the afternoons for children who struggle in the main lesson)
- recognising and building on children's strengths to further boost confidence

### **Going the Extra Mile**

In our determination to ensure that ALL children succeed, we recognise the need for and are committed to providing completely individualised interventions for set periods of time to support children in times of crisis.

### **Monitoring and Evaluation**

We will ensure that:

- a wide range of data is used - achievement data, pupils' work, observations, learning walks, case studies, and staff, parent and pupil voice
- assessment data is collected half termly so that the impact of interventions can be monitored regularly
- assessments are closely moderated to ensure they are accurate
- teaching staff and support staff attend and contribute to pupil progress meetings each term and the identification of children is reviewed
- regular feedback about performance is given to children and parents
- interventions are adapted or changed if they are not working
- case studies are used to evaluate the impact of pastoral interventions, such as on attendance and behaviour
- a designated member of the SLT maintains an overview of pupil premium spending
- a governor is given responsibility for pupil premium
- a pupil premium champion will be assigned

## **Reporting**

When reporting about pupil premium funding we will include:

- information about the context of the school
- objectives for the year
- reasons for decision making
- analysis of data
- use of research
- nature of support and allocation in terms of learning in the curriculum
  - social, emotional and behavioural issues, enrichment beyond the curriculum, families and community
- an overview of spending
- a summary of the impact of PPG
- Case studies (pastoral support, individualised interventions)
- Implications for pupil premium spending the following year.

The Governing Body will consider the information provided and will ensure that there is an annual statement to the parents on the school website outlining how the Pupil Premium funding has been used to address the issue of closing the gap for pupils eligible for Pupil Premium. This task will be carried out in line with the requirements published by the Department for Education.

## **Review**

This policy will be reviewed every other year, or in light of any earlier changes as requested by the Government.