



Burbage C of E Infant School



# Pupil Premium Policy

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### 1. Aims

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This policy aims to:

- Provide background information about the pupil premium grant so that all members of the school community understand its purpose and which pupils are eligible;
- Set out how the school will make decisions on pupil premium spending;
- Summarise the roles and responsibilities of those involved in managing the pupil premium in school.

### 2. Legislation and guidance

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This policy is based on the <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pupil-premium-allocations-and-conditions-of-grant-2024-to-2025/pupil-premium-2024-to-2025-conditions-of-grant-for-local-authorities>, published by the Education and Skills Funding Agency. It is also based on guidance from the Department for Education (DfE) on [virtual school heads' responsibilities concerning the pupil premium](#), and the [Service Pupil Premium \(SPP\)](#) .

### 3. Purpose of the grant

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The pupil premium grant is additional funding allocated to publicly funded schools to raise the attainment of disadvantaged pupils and support pupils with parents in the armed forces.

The school will use the grant to support these groups, which comprise pupils with a range of different abilities, to narrow any achievement gaps between them and their peers.

We also recognise that not all pupils eligible for pupil premium funding will have lower attainment than their peers. In such cases, the grant will be used to help improve pupils' progress and attainment so that they can reach their full potential.

#### 4. Use of the grant

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- To remove or minimise the barriers to learning, faced by eligible pupils, to enable them to access education and make good progress across all subject areas by supporting their needs academically, socially and emotionally;
- Decisions on pupil premium spending are informed by using evidence-based research and resources from the *Education Endowment Foundation*, alongside historical knowledge of strategies that work at Burbage Church of England Infant School;
- To address a wide range of needs, taking group and individual needs into account;
- Engaging with parents to take their views on the needs of their child into account.

Some examples of how the school may use the grant include, but are not limited to:

- Recruiting high quality, experienced teachers with proven expertise of providing quality first teaching;
- Employing learning support assistants;
- Purchasing high quality schemes, resources and books to support teaching and learning;
- Training for teachers and learning support assistants in new techniques, strategies and use of software;
- Delivering one to one and small group reading and maths tuition through the use of school-based tutors;
- Delivering regular intervention sessions/ programmes to close gaps in learning;
- Providing funding towards educational trips and residential;
- Providing ELSA provision;
- Funding sports coach activities at lunchtimes;
- Providing funding for one after school club throughout the year and music tuition;
- Funding of free school milk.

Our pupil premium strategy is available on our website  
<https://www.burbageinfants.org/statutory-info.html>

We will publish information on the school's use of the pupil premium on the school website in line with the requirements set out in our funding agreement and the DfE's guidance on what maintained school should publish online.

## 5. Eligible pupils

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The pupil premium is allocated to the school based on the number of eligible pupils in Reception to Year 2.

Eligible pupils fall into the categories explained below.

### 5.1 Free school meals

Pupils who are known to be eligible for free school meals as determined by the DfE's latest conditions of grant guidance.

It does not include pupils who receive universal infant free school meals but would not otherwise receive free lunches.

### 5.2 Ever 6

Pupils recorded in the most recent January school census who are known to have been eligible for free school meals at any point in the last 6 years (as determined by the DfE's latest conditions of grant guidance).

### 5.3 Looked after children (separately funded)

Pupils who are in the care of, or provided with accommodation by, a local authority in England or Wales.

### 5.4 Post-looked after children

Pupils recorded in the most recent January census and alternative provision census who were looked after by an English or Welsh local authority immediately before being adopted, or who left local authority care on a special guardianship order or child arrangements order.

### 5.5 Service children

Pupils:

- With a parent serving in the regular armed forces;
- Who have been registered as a 'service child' in the school census at any point in the last 6 years (as determined by the DfE's latest conditions of grant guidance), including those first recorded as such in the most recent January census;
- In receipt of a child pension from the Ministry of Defence because one of their parents died while serving in the armed forces.

## 6. Roles and responsibilities

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### 6.1 Executive Headteacher and Pupil Premium lead

The Executive Headteacher and Pupil Premium lead are responsible for:

- Keeping this policy up to date, and ensuring that it is implemented across the school;
- Ensuring that all school staff are aware of their role in raising the attainment of disadvantaged pupils and supporting pupils with parents in the armed forces;

- Planning pupil premium spending and keeping this under constant review, using an evidence-based approach and working with virtual school heads where appropriate;
- Monitoring the attainment and progress of pupils eligible for the pupil premium to assess the impact of the school's use of the funding;
- Reporting on the impact of pupil premium spending to the nominated governor on an ongoing basis;
- Publishing information on the school's use of the pupil premium on the school website, as required by our funding agreement and in line with guidance from the DfE;
- Providing relevant training for staff, as necessary, on supporting disadvantaged pupils and raising attainment.

## **6.2 Governors**

The governing board is responsible for:

- Holding the Executive Headteacher to account for the implementation of this policy;
- Ensuring the school is using pupil premium funding appropriately, in line with the rules set out in the conditions of grant;
- Monitoring the attainment and progress of pupils eligible for the pupil premium, in conjunction with the Executive Headteacher, to assess the impact and effectiveness of the school's use of the funding;
- Monitoring whether the school is ensuring value for money in its use of the pupil premium;
- Challenging the Executive Headteacher to use the pupil premium in the most effective way;
- Setting the school's mission and values around supporting disadvantaged members of the school community.

## **6.3 Other school staff**

All school staff are responsible for:

- Implementing this policy on a day-to-day basis;
- Setting high expectations for all pupils, including those eligible for the pupil premium;
- Identifying pupils whose attainment is not improving in response to interventions funded by the pupil premium, and highlighting these individuals to the senior leadership team;
- Sharing insights into effective practice with other school staff.

#### **6.4 Virtual school heads**

Virtual school heads are responsible for managing pupil premium funding for children looked after by a local authority, and allocating it to schools. Their responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Identifying the eligible looked after children and informing the local authority
- Making sure methods for allocating and spending ensure that looked after children benefit without delay
- Working with each looked after child's educational setting to put together a personal education plan, agree how pupil premium funding will be spent to meet the need identified in this plan, and ensure the funding is spent in this way
- Demonstrating how pupil premium funding is raising the achievement of looked after children

Virtual school heads are in charge of promoting the educational achievement of all the children looked after by the local authority they work for.

### **7. Monitoring arrangements**

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This policy will be reviewed every three years by the Executive Headteacher and Pupil Premium lead. At every review, the policy will be shared with the governing board.