

Pupil Premium Grant

The Pupil Premium is allocated to schools for children of statutory school age from low-income families who are known to be eligible for Free School Meals (FSM), children who have been looked after continuously for more than six months and to children whose parents are currently serving in the armed forces.

It is intended to support schools in narrowing the gap in attainment between different groups of pupils. Nationally, the statistics show that pupils who are in receipt of FSM do less well than their peers in external exams. The aim of this money is to try to close that attainment gap.

At The Westminster School we ensure that teaching and learning opportunities meet the needs of all of the pupils irrespective of their ability, gender or socioeconomic background.

We ensure that appropriate provision is made for pupils who belong to vulnerable groups, this includes ensuring that the needs of socially disadvantaged pupils are adequately assessed and addressed.

In making this provision we recognize that not all pupils who receive FSM are socially disadvantaged pupils.

We also recognize that not all pupils who are socially disadvantaged are registered for FSM. We reserve the right to allocate the Pupil Premium funding to support any pupil or groups of pupils the school has legitimately identified as being socially disadvantaged

Funding

In 2011-12 the level of premium was £488 per pupil for pupils eligible for FSM and those in care and £200 for those children whose parents serve in the armed forces. We received a total of £17,568 for pupil premium.

In 2012-13 the level of funding increased to £623 per pupil (£250 for children whose parents serve in the armed forces). In 2012-2013 this will include pupils eligible for FSM at any point in the last six years (known as the Ever 6 FSM measure). The total funding allocated to The Westminster School for 2012-2013 is £28,035.

What do we spend the money on?

Education resources support for individual students

Assistance with the cost of curriculum trips, curriculum activities and other school trips

There has been an increased range of college courses: hair care, animal care and horticulture

Staffing costs for additional emotional and academic support and mentoring

All children in Year 8 participated in swimming on a weekly basis in the Spring term. The Pupil Premium ensures that all children can take part.

Counselling: The school has provided support for a number of years though outside providers including Art Therapy, Krunch, Coneygre. The premium has allowed for much greater provision for the students, many of whom have complex and challenging needs. The impact of this support can be seen in an increase in pupil attendance and behavior in school

Alternative Curriculum Provision: The school recognises that a number of pupils struggle to engage with 'traditional' education. It also recognises that more vocationally based provision is of benefit for some. The main provision is at Key Stage 4, although there was some intervention for students at Key Stage 3.

As a result of resources available through the premium, significantly more investment could be made in this area to meet the needs of the pupils. The school worked with NACRO, Fairbridge, Coneygree Art Centre, Malthouse Stables and West Bromwich Albion Football Club in providing this additional provision.

Work Related Learning, Enterprise Education and Careers: Additional interventions were financed using pupil premium money in order to enable the students to have better access to activities and resources. Pupils were also able to take part in activities and visits (for example, an Enterprise and MFL Challenge, Dec 2011).

How do students in receipt of FSM do at The Westminster School?

36 (42.7%) pupils were in receipt of FSM.

4 Looked After Children (LAC)

0 pupils whose parents were serving in the armed forces

Attainment for all pupils at The Westminster School is well below national norms, due to the nature of pupils learning difficulties.

Numbers achieving 1, 2, 3+ levels of progress Key Stage 2 – 3 (16 pupils)

Number in Year Group	English				Maths			
Level	-1	1	2	3+	-1	1	2	3+
All	1	5	3	7	3	5	2	6
Male	1	4	2	6	3	3	2	5
Female	-	1	1	1	-	2	-	1
Ethnic	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	1
LAC	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	-
FSM	-	3	2	3	2	3	2	3
ASD	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	1

Attainment groupings for the End of Key Stage 4

Number in Year Group	English				Maths				Science				
Level	P8	1	2	3	P8	1	2	3	P8	1	2	3	4
All	1	1	6	2	1	1	3	4	2	-	5	1	-
Male	1	1	4	1	1	1	2	2	1	-	3	-	-
Female	-	-	2	1	-	-	1	2	-	-	2	1	-
Ethnic	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	2	-	-
LAC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FSM	-	-	3	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	2	1	-
ASD	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-

Statistics show that white males who receive Free School Meals and have a diagnosis of BESD require further targeted intervention in order to raise attainment in core subjects.

Costs of Alternative Provisions and Placements

Halesowen College - £408 per pupil per course (2 hours per week for the academic year)

NACRO - £30 per pupil per day plus £70 induction

IMPACT – Horticulture project - £50 per pupil per day

Coneygree, Tipton - £50 per pupil per day

Malthouse Stables - £200 per session

Krunch - £520 per pupil – Autumn Term 2012

West Bromwich Albion - £2,000, Gold Package