



## **Pupil Premium and Recovery Premium Funding Spending at Oaklands**

### **Part 1 - What is the Pupil Premium?**

The pupil premium is additional funding for publicly funded schools in England to raise the attainment of disadvantaged pupils of all abilities and to close the gaps between them and their peers.

Pupil premium funding is available to:

- local-authority-maintained schools, including:
  - special schools (for children with special educational needs or disabilities)
  - pupil referral units (PRUs - for children who can't go to a mainstream school)
- academies and free schools, including
  - special academies (for children with special educational needs or disabilities)
  - alternative provision (AP) academies (for children who can't go to a mainstream school)
- voluntary-sector alternative provision (AP), with local authority agreement
- non-maintained special schools (NMSS - schools for children with special educational needs that the Secretary of State for Education has approved under section 342 of the Education Act 1996)

## Funding - Financial Year 2021/22

Our allocation for the 2021/22 financial year is £83,365. As of September 2021, 77 of our 171 pupils, (45% of our Year 7-12 cohort) were eligible for the pupil premium grant. KS3 and KS4 was 46% and 25% of KS5 were eligible for the pupil premium grant.

In the 2021 to 2022 financial year, schools receive the following funding for each child registered as eligible for free school meals at any point in the last 6 years:

£955 for pupils in year 7 to year 11

Schools will also receive £2,345 for each pupil identified in the spring school census as having left local-authority care because of 1 of the following:

- adoption
- a special guardianship order
- a child arrangements order
- a residence order

If a pupil has been registered as eligible for free school meals and has also left local-authority care for any of the reasons above, they will attract the £2,345 rate.

Children who have been in local-authority care for 1 day or more also attract £2,345 of pupil premium funding. Funding for these pupils is managed by the virtual school head (VSH) in the local authority that looks after the child.

If a pupils is registered as a service child, they will attract £310 funding.

## Pupil Premium at Oaklands – our values and ethos

Diminishing the difference is central to everything we do at Oaklands and has been for many years. We have a moral commitment to ensure that our students from disadvantaged backgrounds have the support to accelerate their progress to achieve their full

potential. We firmly believe that a whole school strategic approach to pupil premium can result in a significant impact on school wide attainment.

Our whole school approach includes; designated members of staff who are responsible for our diminishing the difference strategy, curriculum enhancement bidding to supplement. We have also developed the 'Oaklands' School Toolkit' based on the Sutton Trust research project to ensure all strategies used are evidence based where appropriate. In addition to those whole school strategies mentioned, we have many other strategies/initiatives in place to ensure each of our students get what 'they' need to succeed. Our strategies can be split into three areas:

- raising aspirations
- improving confidence/self-esteem
- academic strategies

These initiatives, whilst being aimed at our PP cohort, also have a direct impact on all of our students with the aim of raising the bar, e.g. 'Accelerated Reader' raising attainment within reading and the 'Whole School Reward' program to promote self-esteem and behaviour for learning.

For a full breakdown of the strategies in place at Oaklands, please take a look at **The Oaklands' Toolkit**.

Review of the Pupil Premium is carried out every Autumn Term on a yearly basis.

## **Part 2 - What is the Recovery Premium?**

The recovery premium provides additional funding for state-funded schools in the 2022 to 2023 academic year. Building on the [pupil premium](#), this funding will help schools to deliver evidence-based approaches for supporting disadvantaged pupils.

## **Pupil eligibility**

For mainstream schools, pupil eligibility will continue to be based on pupil premium eligibility. See the [2021 to 2022 eligibility information](#) for more details.

## **Funding rates**

Recovery premium allocations will be calculated on a per pupil basis, based on the following indicative rates:

Mainstream education:

- £145 per eligible pupil in primary schools
- £276 per eligible pupil in secondary schools

Other eligible schools, and special education units in mainstream schools:

- £290 per pupil in primary education
- £552 per pupil in secondary education

We have included a minimum payment that we refer to as a 'floor' to ensure that:

- an eligible primary school will not receive less than £2,000
- an eligible secondary, or all-through school, will not receive less than £6,000

Funding for looked-after children will be paid to the local authority and should be managed by the [virtual school head](#) in consultation with the child's school.

See the [coronavirus \(COVID-19\) recovery premium allocations and conditions of grant 2022 to 2023](#) for further information.

## **Academic year 2022 to 2023**

## Using recovery premium funding

Schools should spend this premium on evidence-based approaches to support pupils. In line with the [Education Endowment Foundation's pupil premium guide](#), activities should include those that:

- support the quality of teaching
- provide targeted academic support
- deal with non-academic barriers to success in school, such as attendance, behaviour and social and emotional support

Like the pupil premium, schools can:

- spend the recovery premium on a wider cohort of pupils than those who are eligible for the funding
- direct recovery premium spending where they think the need is greatest

Funding for looked-after children should be managed by the local authority virtual school head. They should work with schools, including the designated teacher, to decide how to use the funding effectively to support looked-after children.