

Pupil Premium Funding

Pupil Premium is additional funding given to schools to raise the attainment of disadvantaged pupils and close the gap between them and their peers. It was first introduced in April 2011. Schools receive funding based on the number of pupils who have been eligible for free school meals at any point in the last 6 years.

(The service premium is not part of the pupil premium as the rules to attract it differ.

Every child whose parent is serving in HM Forces or retired on a MoD pension attracts £310, from April 2020, it is used mainly for pastoral support: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-service-pupil-premium/service-pupil-premium-what-you-need-to-know>.)

Funding allocation for 2020-2021

- £1,345 for each eligible primary aged pupil
- £2,345 for each 'Looked After Child' or 'previously Looked After'

Key principles for using pupil premium at Harting School:

- We are highly committed to raising achievement for pupils who are eligible for Pupil Premium and aim for these pupils to make faster progress, than non-eligible pupils, to close any attainment gap compared with their peers
- We do not confuse eligible pupils with low ability and strive to 'bring out the best' in these pupils, supporting them to achieve
- Our support is aimed to tackle a range of barriers to improve: attendance, behaviour, external factors, parental engagement, and provide opportunities or first-hand experiences to improve learning, language acquisition and development of literacy and numeracy. This done through professional development focussing on improving outcomes for eligible pupils; providing additional teaching/pastoral support and wider educational experiences; and enabling access to breakfast and other clubs
- We use assessment systems to track and enable thorough analysis of data (Reading, Writing and Maths, along with other subjects) to identify pupils who are under achieving and why. By tracking, in this way, we can evaluate the impact of targeted spending on attainment and progress of eligible pupils and have a clear overview of the difference it is making to children's outcomes
- We ensure class teachers and subject leaders know which pupils are eligible for Pupil Premium so they take responsibility for accelerating progress and accountability shared across the school
- Our Governing Body is ambitious for all pupils and closely monitors the school's effectiveness in closing the gap between different groups, especially those eligible for pupil premium