

Report on the use of Pupil Premium: The Latymer School 2014/15

Overview

The Pupil Premium is designed to ensure that funding to tackle disadvantage reaches the pupils who need it most. During secondary education the funding is allocated in respect of the following categories of students:

The funding levels for 2014/15 are:

Disadvantaged pupils	Pupil Premium per pupil
Pupils in Year Groups 7 to 11 recorded as Ever 6 FSM	£935
Looked After Children (LAC)	£1,900
Children adopted from care under the Adoption and Children Act 2002 ¹ and children who have left care under a Special Guardianship or Residence Order	£1,900
Service children	
Pupils in Year Groups R to 11 recorded as Ever 4 Service Child or in receipt of a child pension from the Ministry of Defence.	£300

Total amount allocated to the school for 2014/15

£79,040

How is the money spent?

Towards the cost of:

1. Funding all educational music tours, exchanges and field trips in support of the curriculum where parental contribution towards the cost would otherwise be required;
2. Funding music lessons and hire of musical instruments for qualifying pupils wishing to take advantage of this provision;
3. Funding the purchase of books in addition to normal textbooks as required to support the learning of English to a level normal for the school;
4. Funding laboratory coats for use in biology lessons;
5. Funding of the purchase of sketchbooks and other materials required for the proper fulfilment of curriculum requirements;
6. Designated individual to identify, monitor progress of and assist in the instigation of appropriate intervention strategies to support and maximise learning for qualifying pupils.
7. Training of student mentors to assist and support pupils in need of extra coaching and mentoring support.
8. Part/total discretionary funding to assist students to participate in a range of enrichment activities and trips.

Impact on educational attainment of those pupils who were eligible for Pupil Premium

A recent review of the educational achievement of the current cohort of qualifying pupils found that these students were achieving in line with the class averages. This was further demonstrated by the GCSE results for 2014 which showed that after allowing for one student to whom special circumstances applied, the average point score for the Pupil Premium cohort was almost exactly the same as the average point score for the whole school. Therefore, it is reasonable to assert that no achievement gap exists.