



Bilsdale Midcable Church of England (VC) Primary School

Pupil Premium Report 2019 - 2020

Introduction

The pupil premium is additional funding for publicly funded schools in England to raise the attainment of disadvantaged pupils and close the gap between them and their peers. The premium is allocated to schools for children of eligible school age from low-income families who are:

- Currently registered for free school meals (FSM) or have been in receipt of FSM at any time in the past 6 years (known as the Ever 6 FSM measure)
- Looked-after children and eligible pupils adopted from care or leaving local authority care under a special guardianship or residence order
- Parents who are currently serving in the armed forces
- Early Years Pupil Premium is also available to schools with a Nursery class to support disadvantaged three and four-year olds.

Schools are free to spend the Pupil Premium as they see fit, but are held accountable, and must report on how the funding has been used to support these groups of children. Schools are required to publish online information about how the Premium has been used, and what impact it has had. The Premium is received on a financial year basis but, reporting is required on an academic year basis.

At Bilsdale Midcable, we realise that not all children who are eligible for free school meals are socially disadvantaged and also that not all pupils who are socially disadvantaged will be registered for free school meals, looked after or from service families. The purpose of the funding is to narrow the gap between eligible and non-eligible children, so the impact of the expenditure must reflect a narrowing gap between those groups of children, in terms of achievement. Pupil Premium is used to help fulfil our aims and vision for all children and provide additional help and support for those children and families who may, at times, need something over and above our normal level of provision.

For the previous financial year (2019/20) and current financial year (2020/21), Bilsdale Midcable is not required to publish a Pupil Premium Strategy on our website. This is to ensure that no single pupil can be identified in our data. The Department for Education (DfE) have issued the following guidance:

"The Department for Education's policy is to suppress publication figures relating to a cohort of 5 pupils or fewer. This is intended to reduce the risk of individual pupils being identified from published data".

This is a direct quote from the DfE's policy for publication of small numbers.

How we spent our Pupil Premium

Nature of Support	Support	Cost Implication	Impact
Learning Interventions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ One to one support for learning with a teaching assistant or teacher ▪ Online tuition. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ensure staff use evidence-based teaching interventions ▪ Purchase Third Space Learning online maths lessons 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Steady improvement in pupil progress from 2019 to 2020, until lock down.
Subsidised educational visits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ensure pupils experience wider opportunities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cost of transport to swimming lessons and partial residential visit fees. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All pupils participated in swimming lessons and had a positive experience on the residential visit.

2020-2021

Our strategy for Pupil Premium spending was reviewed in the summer term of 2020. Qualifying pupils and those other pupils identified by teachers as needing additional support were collated and their areas of need listed. Half - termly assessments in reading, writing and maths will continue to be used to help monitor the success of the support given. Some pupils will receive one to one support in an identified area of the curriculum. Throughout the year we will continue to identify the needs of individual pupils and adapt our plans accordingly. Our Pupil Premium Strategy will continue to be monitored termly through the Standards Committee of our Governing Body.