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Aims and Principles

It is our responsibility to ensure that all children at Southwold make good progress and achieve their potential. It is also our responsibility to provide all children with a stimulating curriculum that is rich in first hand experiences, irrespective of external social and economic factors.

We are committed to meeting the needs of pupils from vulnerable groups and deprived backgrounds who, research shows, underachieve compared to their peers. The Pupil Premium Grant is spent to ensure that disadvantaged children who fall into these categories receive support to achieve their academic potential and also experience a stimulating and vibrant curriculum that offers them a variety of first-hand experiences.

Some children who receive Free School Meals (FSM)*, or who have received Free School Meals in the last 6 years, are identified across the school as belonging to a disadvantaged group who would benefit from targeted additional support. The Pupil Premium Grant is used to ensure that these pupils make good progress and achieve their academic potential and also close the gap in attainment between themselves and their peers who are not entitled to the Pupil Premium Grant.

We recognise that not all pupils who are socially disadvantaged are registered or qualify to receive Pupil Premium. We reserve the right to include children who we regard as disadvantaged in learning support activities and enrichment activities that are funded through the Pupil Premium Grant. However, the funding only supports the children entitled to receive Pupil Premium. Priority classes, groups or individuals are identified and support and interventions are put in place to ensure disadvantaged pupils have equal access to the curriculum and make progress in line with their non-disadvantaged peers.

**** Please note that Free School Meal register is NOT the same as 'Universal Free School Meals', where all children in Reception to Year 2 receive a school meal free of charge, hence why the term 'Pupil Premium' is more widely used***

Provision

Priorities for the Pupil Premium Grant are identified each academic year in the correlating Southwold Pupil Premium Objectives document, along with the success criteria for the effective use of the Pupil Premium Grant.

We aim to spend the Pupil Premium Grant to ensure identified, eligible children make good progress and achieve their potential and close the gap in attainment between their peers who are not registered as Pupil Premium/Disadvantaged. We also aim to provide *all* children, with a stimulating and varied curriculum that is rich in first hand experiences. We also aim to ensure that disadvantaged children are well represented in our Innovation Team and access a variety of extra-curricular activities.

Range of Provision:

- Individual and small group intervention
- Resources to support achievement in school
- Learning mentor support
- Breakfast Club support
- Attendance targeting for an improvement in attendance for vulnerable children
- Team around the Child meetings
- 1:1 and small group tuition
- Staffing for SEND pupils who receive Pupil Premium
- Subsidy of class visits and residential visits
- Extra-curricular clubs and activities
- Music experiences through Nottingham Music Hub
- Curriculum developments, E.g. Forest Schools
- Staff training to directly benefit vulnerable children
- Welcome Packs for children in Early Years to support mark making and writing at home

Reporting

The Head Teacher will report to Governors at Full Governing Body meetings regarding:

- An outline of provision made using the Pupil Premium Grant
- The progress and achievement of vulnerable, children and groups of children, including those children who are registered as Pupil Premium
- An evaluation of effectiveness and value for money of the use of the Pupil Premium Grant
- Effective clear audit trails and records of how monies are allocated and spent

The school also reports on the successful use of the Pupil Premium Grant to the Pupil premium governor, Mrs K Truman (Chair of Governors), who helps monitor the use of and impact of the funding.

School will also publish an annual review on the school website of how the Pupil Premium Grant has been used to address the issue of closing the gap for vulnerable children.