

Pupil Premium Grant (PPG)

Pupil premium is a government grant allocated to schools to ensure that all disadvantaged children can achieved and reach their potential. It is also allocated to those children whose parents are in the armed forces.

Rates for eligible pupils

Each year the government sets allocated funding. The PPG per pupil for 2018 to 2019 is as follows:

Disadvantaged pupils	Pupil premium per pupil
Pupils in year groups reception to year 6 recorded as Ever 6 free school meals	£1,320
Pupils in years 7 to 11 recorded as Ever 6 FSM	£935
Looked-after children (LAC) defined in the Children Act 1989 as one who is in the care of, or provided with accommodation by, an English local authority	£2,300
Children who have ceased to be looked after by a local authority in England and Wales because of adoption, a special guardianship order, a child arrangements order or a residence order	£2,300
Service children	Pupil premium per pupil
Pupils in year groups reception to year 11 recorded as Ever 6 service child or in receipt of a child pension from the Ministry of Defence	£300

There are terms of how this funding should be allocated and used to ensure the maximum impact of learning, to ensure implementation of and impact on the outcome of learning/progress.

Therefore, the grant may be spent in the following ways:

- for the purposes of the school; that is, for the educational benefit of pupils registered at that school
- for the benefit of pupils registered at other maintained schools or academies
- on community facilities; for example, services whose provision furthers any charitable purpose for the benefit of pupils at the school or their families, or people who live or work in the locality in which the school is situated

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pupil-premium-conditions-of-grant-2018-to-2019/pupil-premium-2018-to-2019-conditions-of-grant>

PPG at Acorns Primary School

Barriers to learning

All the identified pupils have a specific additional learning need or disability that significantly impacts upon their learning. The children attend a specialist provider of education, which is Acorns Primary School. We met the needs of pupils with a range of learning difficulties including: ASD, Moderate, Significant and Profound Multiple Learning Difficulties, Visual Impairment, Hearing impairment, Physical Disabilities and Social, Emotional and Mental Health Difficulties, speech, language and communication difficulties.

In relation to their education pupils at Acorns (including those on PPG) face the following barriers to learning and attainment:

Access to curriculum due to developmental, physical and medical needs
Challenging behaviours
Sensory, social and emotional needs (often linked to ASD)
Communication and Language skills

In addition to the above pupils can be affected by external barriers such as family issues linked to Child Protection, Child in Need and Early Help or Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE).

For children to meet the criteria of pupil premium funding, their family household will be of a low income/financially disadvantaged and in receipt of specific benefits; income related employment and support allowance. Although 27% of pupils of the total school population meet this criteria, it should be noted that a significant proportion of pupils come from a low income family and benefit from further curricula support and activity.

PPG for the year 2018-2019 is calculated from the census from the January 2018. The table below shows the financial breakdown of information, specific to Acorns Primary school.

Disadvantaged pupils	Qualifying pupils	Rate £	Funding £
Ever 6 free school meals eligibility	18	1,320	23,760
Service children	2	300	600
Total Allocation			24,360

27% of the total school population is eligible for the PPG. These pupils are in both key stage 1 and key stage 2. Strategies and intervention are used across school to support these children to ensure they receive the best quality education, allowing their achievement to be in line with their peers.

Children Looked After (CLA)

Each pupil who is CLA receives £1,800 per year. The aim of this funding is to ensure an equality of opportunity and to ensure that pupils are not disadvantaged due to their unsettled start to life. The funding enables schools to offer additional support to pupils so that they are able to achieve as well as their non CLA peers. In relation to Acorns, 29% of the total pupil population are PPG eligible including the CLA pupils, making a total of £27,060

Addressing barriers to learning

A range of strategies and support are provided to ensure that PPG pupils achieve and make progress that is in line with or above their peers. Interventions are incorporated into individualized learning programs. Support is provided by trained staff and sensory resources. This allows for the development of learning, knowledge and skills. Further and wider learning/experience is carefully integrated into learning that supports the individual child's learning and nurtures their development.

Intent - How do we plan to spend the money?	How much will be allocated?	Who will be the focus pupils?	Implementation - Why are we spending this money in this way?	Impact - What will be the anticipated impact on these pupils?
Residential opportunities	£1,200	8 PPG 1 FSM6 1 CLA	School analysis shows that pupils benefit from enrichment activities enabling them to learn outside the classroom; making learning real; developing life skills; giving rise to opportunity.	Pupils to access wider learning Pupils to have enriched experiences, which they would not access from home. First hand learning opportunities and experiences Taking measured risks (in often a contrasting/ different environment than they are used to).
Wider learning Cultural opportunities – including panto, play, music	£1,000	18 PPG	Music rich experiences are proven to be beneficial to pupils. Music can help to focus and calm pupils, helping to prepare them to learn.	Pupils to access wider learning Pupils will broaden their experiences/knowledge Pupils will encounter culturally rich experience
Community visits Including trips to the specialist sensory soft play centre	£2,500	18 PPG (+ 56 pupils)	School analysis shows that pupils benefit from enrichment activities enabling them to learn outside the classroom; making learning real and improve progress	Pupils have freedom to explore, investigate and build upon their own personal learning in a safe, sensory rich environment
CLA training	£320	1 FSM6 2 CLA	Impact to change of policy and implementation supporting of social and emotional development.	Supporting CLA pupils to ensure need can be met and ensuring cohesion between multi-agencies and multi-disciplinary team meetings. Individual pupil's family supported through being collected by staff member to attend important meetings/medicals at school
Resilience Including whole staff training on intensive interaction Staff taking on roles as key person for individual children Text and reference books	£1610		School analysis shows that children who develop coping strategies and resilience for new/different activities an, tasks and experiences will enable them to learn and progress. Changes to policy regarding behaviour will be implemented.	Pupils' progress should be 75% or higher against their individual targets forming their IEPs. Pupil's will have greater resilience levels, which will further their progress in all areas. Communication and interaction will increase for 'hard to reach' pupils
Sports based activities - visit to chill factor e	£60	18 PPG	The prevalence of obesity in school children show the need for giving children activity base and sports activity. Children have little to no first-hand experience of snow play.	Pupils will have first-hand learning experience in a significantly contrasting environment – snow/cold based. Building up stamina and making exercise and a high physical level activity enjoyable promoting a healthy lifestyle.
Travel costs -Minibus costs	£4,500	18 PPG (+ 56 pupils)	School analysis shows that pupils benefit from enrichment activities enabling them to learn	Pupils to engage in educational visits.

				Intensive support for those pupils who benefit from high levels of adult intervention.
Subsidised summer scheme	£75	2 PPG	School analysis shows that pupils can lose skills during the summer break. One week 'extra' in school will help maintain these skills and improve progress. Parental feedback highlights the need for structure and continuity that holiday clubs can provide. School analysis shows that pupils benefit from enrichment activities enabling them to learn outside the classroom; making learning real and improve progress. The school clubs provide a safe environment, with staff who are aware of children's needs.	Pupils to access additional learning during the schemes. Pupils to develop essential social and independence skills. Pupils to engage in curriculum enrichment activities which would not be otherwise available to them. Improved self-esteem and behaviour. Pupils to engage in physical activity to promote healthy lifestyles.
Subsidised after school club	£500			
Resources – Chubby chews Ear defenders Sensory regulating equipment	£443	4 PPG 3 FSM6	All staff to have training on the use of sensory diets delivered by school lead on ASD. Resources to implement sensory diets for all who need it. School lead on ASD to observe relevant pupils within school and give advice on developing sensory needs to staff. Qualified OT/ Physiotherapist to provide assessments for particular pupils.	The introduction of sensory input for many children has had a great impact on their ability and readiness to learn. This is evidenced in observations by class staff and written annotations. Staff are due to have training by Julia Dyer who is a highly specialised physiotherapist and Advanced Sensory Integration Practitioner who has specialised in providing sensory integration therapy assessment and intervention to with sensory processing disorder.

The PPG strategy will be reviewed April 2019