



**THE FEDERATION OF MELLERS
PRIMARY SCHOOL AND
NOTTINGHAM NURSERY
PUPIL PREMIUM POLICY
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What is Pupil Premium?

The Pupil Premium is additional funding to help schools close the attainment gap between children from low-income and other disadvantaged families and their peers. If a child has been eligible for free school meals (FSM) at any point over the past six years or has been looked after for one day or more (Child Looked After), the Federation receives an amount per head within their budget. A provision is also made for children who have a parent in the armed services. It is in addition to any other funding the child may receive to support their special educational needs.

Rationale

The Federation of Mellers Primary School and Nottingham Nursery is determined to ensure that all children achieve their full potential and receive the highest standards of teaching and learning through Quality First Teaching (QFT). Additionally, focused support and pastoral care outside of QFT is provided for children who require it to eliminate barriers to learning.

The Action Plan for Pupil Premium spending focuses on whole-school strategies that impact all pupils, strategies that target under-performing pupils, and specific strategies targeting pupil premium pupils. We have a clear, strategic approach to the use of Pupil Premium funding, and plans are integrated into wider school support and improvement systems. These are monitored and evaluated regularly and in-depth data analysis ensures that the correct support and strategies are identified to maximize progress.

Strong leadership ensures that Pupil Premium funding has the necessary impact on achievement, attendance and pastoral care. This includes an identified Governor with responsibility for Pupil Premium, the Heads of Federation and Deputy Head teacher leading developments, and the dissemination of information to all parties. All matters relating to the Pupil Premium are reported back to the Governors sub-committees termly, ensuring that the school is held to account for the impact of spending. Ensuring all staff take responsibility for Pupil Premium actions enables school to develop a strong, comprehensive and sustainable support package which leads to improvements in outcomes for all children.

Early Years Pupil Premium

All children aged three and four who meet the eligibility criteria will benefit from the funding. This funding is paid directly to the Nursery on an hourly rate basis. The annual value for a 15 hour place over a full year is just over £300. To be able to claim this funding we require parents to sign the funding agreement which asks for details of parents' date of birth and National Insurance number. This form can be found on the nursery website.

Guiding principles for the allocation of resources in the Federation

- We ensure that teaching and learning opportunities meet the needs of **all** pupils
- Allocation of funding will in the first instance be targeted towards raising the achievement of children on free school meals
- We, however, reserve the right to allocate Pupil Premium funding to support any pupil or groups of pupils the school has identified as being in need of intervention and support
- Pupil funding will be allocated following an analysis which will identify priority classes, groups or individuals. This means that not all children receiving free school meals will be in receipt of pupil premium interventions at one time
- Our range of provision includes facilitating pupils' access to education and broader curriculum opportunities, additional teaching and learning and alternative support and intervention.

The allocation of Pupil Premium funding for this academic year is available on the school and nursery website under the Key Information tab.

Appeals

Any appeals in connections with the disposition of the pupil premium funding will be dealt with through the Governors' appeals panel.