



# THE HARMONY TRUST Westwood Academy



## Pupil Premium Policy- October 2016

At Westwood we aim to improve both the attainment and achievement of all our pupils regardless of their circumstance. Raising the aspirations, attainment and self-esteem of our least financially advantaged pupils is a major priority of the school.

### **OVERVIEW**

The Pupil Premium was introduced in April 2011, and paid by means of a specific grant based on school census figures for pupils registered as eligible for FSM in reception to Year 11. For looked after children the Pupil Premium was calculated using the Children Looked After data returns (SSDA903). A premium has also been introduced for children whose parents are currently serving in the armed forces. This service premium is designed to address the emotional and social well-being of these pupils.

The Pupil Premium is additional to main school funding and it will be used by this school to address any underlying inequalities between children eligible by ensuring that funding reaches the pupils who need it most.

### **OBJECTIVES**

1. The Pupil Premium will be used to provide additional educational support to improve the progress and to raise the standard of achievement for these pupils
2. The funding will be used to narrow and close the gap between the achievement of these pupils and their peers
3. As far as its powers allow the school will use the additional funding to address any underlying inequalities between children eligible for Pupils Premium and others
4. We will ensure that the additional funding reaches the pupils who need it most and that it makes a significant impact on their education and lives.

### **STRATEGIES**

- Pupil Premium will be clearly identifiable within the budget
- The Principal, in consultation with the governors and staff, will decide how the Pupil Premium is spent for the benefit of entitled pupils
- The school will assess what additional provision should be made for the individual pupils.
- The school will be accountable for how it has used the additional funding to support the achievement of those pupils covered by the Pupil Premium and the Principal will report to the governing body and parents on how effective the intervention has been in achieving its aims.
- From September 2012, we publish online information about how we have used the Premium.

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- We will ensure that parents, governors and others are made fully aware of the attainment of pupils covered by the Premium.
- We will seek to further develop strategies and interventions which can improve the progress and attainment of these pupils.

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- We will track the impact of the strategies put into place through the funding to ensure that we can show the value that has been added to the education of the entitled children.
- We will monitor evaluate and review the success of the impact of the pupil premium funding.

**OUTCOMES:**

This policy will play an important part in the educational development of the individual pupils who are entitled to the Pupil Premium. We will ensure that these pupils are treated equally and as favourably as others and that the additional funding is used well to address the challenges they face. The school will use the additional funding to promote the achievement and progress of all entitled pupils. Through wise use of this additional funding we are fully committed to ensuring that the individual needs of each entitled child are met.

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