

Pupil Premium 2014- 2015

In April 2011 the Coalition Government introduced the Pupil Premium. This is funding allocated to schools for pupils who are or have been, eligible for free school meals over the past 6 years, for pupils who have been looked after continuously for more than six months, pupils of service personnel and pupils who are adopted from care. This is additional to our main school funding.

Essentially the funding is designed to raise the attainment of disadvantaged pupils and close the attainment gap with their peers, where this exists. Schools can choose how to target the additional funds in order to meet the needs of pupils at risk of under-achieving based on their circumstances.

All schools are required to publish online information about how they have used the Premium and its impact on the attainment of pupils covered by the Premium. For the academic year 2014/2015 Kirkburton Middle School received £77,000 Pupil Premium allocation. We are using the funding in a variety of ways to ensure that pupils reach their full potential, both academically, socially and emotionally.

The funding is being used to improve attainment and self- confidence. We aim to raise pupils self-esteem, aspirations and ensure equality of access to everything the school has to offer through;

- **Employing a qualified English Teacher and a Higher Level Teaching Assistant**
To provide literacy and numeracy support for small groups and one to one tuition. To develop pupils literacy and numeracy skills to provide more access to all areas of the curriculum
- **Employing an Inclusion Worker (£21,000)**
To support pupils who experience difficulties with behaviour to encourage “behaviour for learning “ in the classroom.
- **Providing counselling from Northorpe Hall (£240)**
For pupils who need additional emotional support to enable them to focus on their learning.
- **Providing access to an Adoption Support Group for Parents.**
To support parents who have adopted children and pupils who have been adopted.
- **Developing a Nurture Group (Acorns) (£14,802)**
To provide social,emotional and behavioural support to pupils. To develop pupils self- esteem, self- confidence aand life skills.
- **Providing an activity club at lunchtime (Open Door Club)**
To develop social skills and provide a safe haven for some pupils.
- **Providing additional enrichment activities for pupils (£2000)**
After school Clubs, Theatre and Museum Vists
- **Paying for pupils to participate in educational visits and activities (£3000)**
- **Paying for school uniform vouchers £25 (£2050)**
- **Paying for revision guides and other educational literature (£500)**
To support pupils in their learning across the curriculum and preparation for SATs

The success of these initiatives and additional support systems in promoting pupil attainment and progress is constantly monitored and analysed. All children are closely tracked against national expected levels of attainment to ensure the highest possible personal progress is made.