

Pupil Premium Funding



At Tannery Drift First School in 2023/2024 we had 28 Pupil Premium children. This represented 9.2% of our Reception – Year 4 children. The income in the budget to support those children is £30,555.

The funding is there to provide additional support for looked after children and those from low-income families. It is there to help us narrow the attainment gap that exists between pupils from disadvantaged and more affluent backgrounds.

Research on best practice

At Tannery Drift First School we have researched what works best in terms of Pupil Premium spending. Based on the research from a range of evidence-based educational research we have decided to use a range of approaches tailored to the needs of our children as set out here:

Enjoyment, achievement and respect are at the core of our approach to raising attainment and giving all children an excellent early education.

We believe in ensuring equality of opportunity for all. This means money is spent on:

- Sport coaching - to give children extra sporting opportunities.
- Music tuition - to give all children early access to music tuition with the educational benefits this offers.
- Enhanced enrichment lessons.
- Access to clubs - to give children wider opportunities.
- Uniform - to enable parents to dress their children in the correct uniform.
- School trips - to enable all of our children to have access to school trips which are embedded in the school curriculum.
- Free play and stay sessions at Breakfast Club to encourage punctuality.
- Nurture groups.

Our research also tells us the importance of supporting children in being ready to learn and enabling them to grasp the basics of literacy and numeracy well during their early education. We ensure that teachers work collaboratively with teaching assistants to provide targeted support. We ensure the Early Years has a high staff: pupil ratio to give all our children the best start to their education.

We spend money on a Family Support Worker who supports all our families offering them advice, assistance and the tools they need to help their children thrive.

Money is also spent on an art therapist to work alongside pupils who have significant emotional needs.

Monitoring progress and achievement of Pupil Premium pupils

To ensure we are meeting the needs of all our Pupil Premium children the following are also in place:

- Robust Pupil Performance Meetings where Pupil Premium children, their progress and impact of interventions are reviewed.
- Work moderations in staff meetings.
- Pupil voice evidence collected.
- Robust monitoring and evaluation e.g., INCo checking impact of interventions, lesson observations, planning scrutiny.
- Funding of specific resources.

Impact

- One Reception child was eligible for funding this year, who also had significant Special Educational Needs, and received support from several external professionals as well as internal support. This child made very good progress from their personal starting point.

- A third of Pupil Premium children in Year 1 and year 2 also had Special Educational Needs. All children made at least good progress, two made accelerated progress in some areas.
- In Year 3, 17% of children were in receipt of Pupil Premium funding, just under half of these also had Special Educational Needs. All children made at least good progress; two children made accelerated progress.
- 14% of our Year 4 cohort were received Pupil Premium funding, including almost half with Special Educational Needs. All children made at least good progress; two children made accelerated progress in some areas.
- As a result of robust transition support at the end of Year 4 pupils were ready for their next school and Year 5 teachers report that Behaviours for Learning of all our pupils is excellent.
- As a result of therapy, children become more secure, are able to develop better relationships with others and have increased protective behaviours.
- Music tuition gives children enjoyment of music and confidence when performing.
- Enrichment lessons have given all children opportunities to take part in activities such as cookery, gardening and environmental projects.
- Sporting participation of disadvantaged pupils has increased with a significant number accessing inter-school competitions and sporting clubs.
- Parents / carers have had support with purchasing school uniform which has ensured that all children can feel proud of looking smart in the correct uniform.
- School trips are enjoyed by all children and give them opportunities beyond the classroom.