



# White's Wood Academy

## Pupil Premium Policy – Sept 2021

(Review: July 2023)



Pupil Premium is an allocation of additional funding given to schools in order to support specific children who are vulnerable to possible underachievement. The intended impact of this funding is to accelerate progress & raise attainment. It is government-funded & targets pupils from deprived backgrounds. Research shows that pupils who are eligible for Pupil Premium Funding underachieve academically when compared to other pupils. The funding is therefore provided to enable schools to support these pupils in reaching their potential.

The Government uses pupils entitled to free school meals, looked after children & service children as indicators of deprivation & provides a fixed amount of money per pupil to schools based on these factors. The amount of Pupil Premium funding a school receives is calculated according to the number of pupils who meet the eligibility criteria. At White's Wood Academy, approximately 54% of children qualify for Pupil Premium funding. The school is accountable for using this funding to raise the attainment of the disadvantaged pupils in our community. Our Pupil Premium Statement (published on our website) stipulates how the money is spent each year.

### Context

When making decisions about Pupil Premium spending, it is important to consider the context and main challenges facing the school. Common barriers to learning for disadvantaged children include a lack of support at home, underdeveloped language & communication skills, reduced confidence, behaviour difficulties & poor attendance. There may also be complex family situations that prevent children from flourishing. The challenges are varied & this is reflected in our Pupil Premium statement.

### Principles

- We ensure that our high-quality teaching & learning meets the needs of all pupils
- We ensure that provision is made for vulnerable groups of pupils. This includes ensuring that the needs of disadvantaged pupils are adequately assessed & addressed
- In making provision for disadvantaged pupils, we recognise that not all pupils who receive free school meals will be socially disadvantaged
- We also recognise that not all pupils who are socially disadvantaged are registered for free school meals. We take care to include such pupils in the support which we provide for those who do qualify for the funding.
- Fundamentally, we categorise our Pupil Premium spending in three ways: Whole-school strategies, targeted support & wider strategies. Full details are given in our Pupil Premium Statement.

### Reporting Responsibility

The Pupil Premium Lead will produce an annual Pupil Premium Statement which outlines the spending of our funding and review the spending from the previous year. The Pupil Premium Lead will also report to Governors, detailing the progress made towards raising attainment of our most disadvantaged pupils.

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