

Financial procedures

Demonstrating Impact, Reporting Outcomes and Revealing Future Plans

As you are aware the Government give funding to schools for all children entitled to free school meals (FSM). The total amount of Free School Meals (Pupil Premium) money allocated to Hill View Infant School for the financial year 2013/14 was £36,990. In 2013/14 the level of premium increased to £900 and has been extended to include all pupils who have been eligible for FSM in the last six years.

We always try to ensure that money is spent wisely and that our children at Hill View Infant School have benefited from the additional funding for Pupil Premium.

This is how we spent our Pupil Premium Allocation for 41 children for the academic year 2013-14

- One very experienced teacher and TLR for 'challenge and intervention,' has been providing support each week for some pupil premium children in Reading, Writing, Maths.
- Two Teaching assistants in school have provided a Nurture Group to develop children's Personal and Social Education. Nurture Groups have been a way to improve and enrich children's experiences and improve communication skills
- Nurture Group included time playing musical instruments, opportunities to cook and play games as well as share stories, develop speaking and listening skills and play on our outdoor facilities.
- As the Nurture group progressed there was also a significant number of children who felt relaxed enough to talk about things which worried them and we were able to respond by listening to them.
- Some children received support through Literacy intervention. All children who had interventions were grouped accordingly to ensure any planned activity matched their needs.
- Music Lessons: £120 per year per child was spent on providing violin, recorder and choir lessons for pupil premium children.
- Extra-Curricular Clubs were fully funded at a cost of £24 per term, e.g. tennis, drama, dance and football.

- Baseline testing was undertaken from September onwards depending upon the group's start date and assessed again at agreed key points of the year according to planning and assessment requirements.
- We paid for all Pupil Premium children to take part in educational visits. This equates to £10 per child per trip. We visited places like; Beamish, Bethany Church, the local farm, the Centre for Life, The Hancock Museum.
- At Christmas all Pupil Premium children enjoyed the Christmas Pantomime.
- Governors were keen to promote and encourage parents of HVI to register their children as FSM in order to gain extra funding to help support Pupil Premium children at school. Letters were sent out to remind parents of this. This is also added to regularly newsletters. This has highlighted the fact that financial support can be obtained for appropriate families.
- Staff are very caring and if they feel that Parents show signs that they are in need of financial support we do find ways to suggest that a FSM application form could be completed.
- School Administration staff are happy to advise and assist parents in obtaining FSM funding.
- A highly qualified teacher and TLR for interventions will continue to target Pupil Premium children in reading, writing and maths.
- The head of school and DHT record and monitor progress of Pupil Premium children to ensure money is used effectively.

Pupils are supported in class by reducing the pupil/adult ratio so that pupils make at least expected progress