



## Elmstead Primary School Pupil Premium Grant



### What is the Pupil Premium Grant?

The Pupil Premium was introduced in April 2011 and is additional funding that the government gives to schools for each pupil on roll where they are deemed to be disadvantaged. The money must be spent on that pupil to support their education, but it is for the school to determine how it is spent. The Department of Education website is a good source of additional information:

<http://www.education.gov.uk/schools/pupilsupport/premium>

### Who receives the Pupil Premium?

Pupil Premium is allocated to pupils in school year groups from Reception to Year 11 from low- income families who are registered for Free School Meals (FSM), or who have been registered for FSM at any point in the last six years (known as 'Ever 6'), together with children that have been in care continuously for 6 months or more. This is different from an entitlement to Universal Free School Meals which all children in Key Stage 1 are currently entitled to.

### What is the Service Premium?

The Service Premium grant is for pupils who have a parent serving in the armed services. Unlike the Pupil Premium, this grant is not solely for raising attainment but for providing additional (mainly pastoral) support.

### Who receives the Service Premium?

Pupils with a parent currently serving in the armed services and supporting their family, pupils who have a parent who died in action and those whose parents have left the service since April 2011 for other reasons, including injury. To be eligible, the parent must be supporting their family, so where they are separated or divorced a pupil will not be eligible.

## **How do parents register their child's entitlement for Pupil Premium?**

The easiest way to apply is for the school to check entitlement. For the school to do this we need the National Insurance number of the claimant of eligible benefits and the surname of the claimant (form attached).

### **Eligible benefits are:**

Income Support

Income-based Job Seekers Allowance

Income-related Employment and Support Allowance

Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum act 1999

The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit

Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs) that does not exceed £16,190

Working Tax Credit "run on" - the payment someone may receive for a further 4 weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.

Parents must be entitled to receive Free School Meals for their child to be able to access the Pupil Premium Grant. FSM can be claimed via the County Council. In order to claim Free School Meals for your child visit <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

## **What do schools need to do with the Pupil Premium Grant?**

Schools need to monitor the impact of their selected approaches to improve provision for pupils entitled to the Pupil or Service Premium. The Pupil and Service Premium is not ring-fenced and schools are free to spend it as they wish to improve pupils' attainment. For further information on the Pupil Premium Grant visit [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)

## **What does Elmstead Primary School do with the Pupil Premium Grant and how does it support children who are entitled to it?**

Since 2013, Elmstead Primary School has used the Pupil Premium Grant to provide extra learning support for reading, writing, maths,

1:1/ small group tuition, subsidising school trips, extra resources and emotional support. Progress for the children in receipt of this has been roughly in line with the national average child. See the school website for more details of spending of the Pupil Premium money. In the academic year 2015/2016 we trialled two projects which were based around outdoor learning and improving children's emotional wellbeing and their resilience to learning. Both projects were highly successful with all children who took part improving their emotional wellbeing and resilience.

Due to this, we will be continuing to use this approach, allowing more children to take part and will focus on the transference of these skills back into the school environment.

Previously, the school has paid for clubs and trips for the Pupil Premium children, however, monitoring this we have discovered that this provides very little improvement in pupil's attainment. In line with the governmental guidelines, we are changing the entitlements to maximise the impact that this is having on pupil's attainment.

### **What is my child entitled to?**

- Free School Meals, if a parent or carer is currently in receipt of one of the benefits.
- Each child who is in receipt of the Pupil Premium Grant has additional academic support supplied to them, in the form of small group or 1:1 interventions. The support is chosen in line with their academic ability.
- Each child will have £200 made available for an academic year, which can be used to pay for school clubs or trips of the families' choice. This will be provided on a termly basis Autumn term £66, Spring term £66 and Summer term £68.
- The school are providing parents with regular drop in sessions and support on a variety of topics in response to the withdrawal of these services from outside of the school.
- Drawing and Talking emotional services are available for children and family support is also available for those in need.

### **What does this mean for 2017?**

Each term, families will be issued with a form on which to make their selection for their spending up to the value of £66 in the Autumn and Spring terms and £68 in the Summer term.

The selection needs to be made at the beginning of the term.

The money can be used for any paying club run at the school including Breakfast Club, school trips, uniform bought through the school, music lessons offered at the school, to pay for dinners if your child is on the 'Ever 6' and does not receive the Free School Meals section of the grant or swimming if your child is in Key Stage 2.

Once this money has been spent on any of the above, the parents/carers assume financial responsibility for the child in all these areas.

Each term you will be issued with a form on which to make your selection, the school will monitor the spending of the money and all parents/carers will be issued with a financial card to track their spending.

The money will be made available during a financial year so will run from March to March, any unspent money for a child at the end of the financial year will go back into Pupil Premium spending within the school.

### **Where can I get help to make my selection on spending the money or on areas of the Pupil Premium?**

Parental drop in sessions will be dedicated to understanding the Pupil Premium and entitlement as well as completing the selection forms at the beginning of each term. Alternatively, please contact Mrs Smith via the School Office.

If you feel that your child is entitled to the Pupil Premium Grant please provide the school with the following information.

Any information provided will be treated with the utmost confidentiality and will only be passed onto Essex County Council for further assessment as to your entitlement.

### Pupil Premium Grant

Child's name and class:.....

Full Name (of parent/carer who is the claimant of the support):

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National Insurance Number or National Asylum Seekers Number (of parent/carer who is the claimant of the support):

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Date of Birth (of parent/carer who is the claimant of the support):.....

Signed:.....Dated:.....