

## Wookey Primary School Pupil Premium Strategy 2018/19

Pupil Premium is allocated annually and is calculated according to the number of pupils entitled to receive free school meals, 'looked after' children and those with parents in the services.

The school anticipates an allocation of £26,380 Pupil Premium Grant for the financial year 2018/19.

### Main barriers to achievement faced by eligible pupils at the school

Analysis of progress and attainment has shown that a significant number of children for whom we receive pupil premium have additional learning needs, and as such we will continue, as in previous years, to use a proportion of our pupil premium funding to maintain high levels of staffing so that we can provide strategic and focussed support for these children.

The needs of this group of children was one of the driving forces for us moving as a school to a more early years based approach to teaching and learning in the last academic year.

This strategy has proved partially successful, as described below, however for the coming academic year we are going to be focusing also on developing the growth mindset of this group of children, primarily through a project involving an organisation called Ux2.

This project will be partially funded through the pupil premium and will involve these children engaging with practical activities at regular intervals throughout the year which will develop their independence, engagement and leadership skills.

We will measure the impact of our pupil premium spend in 2018/19 in two ways.

1. A behaviour audit which will capture the impact of the Ux2 activities on these children.
2. Analysis of progress and attainment data to capture the impact of the extra adult support these children receive in class.

Our pupil premium strategy will be reviewed at the end of the 2018/19 academic year.

## How did we spend our pupil premium allocation in 2017/18?

As described earlier in this report, a significant proportion of our £15840 pupil premium allocation in the budget for our last financial year was spent on maintaining high levels of support staff to allow all children to receive extra support in class where needed.

Some of the allocation was also used to support the 'Third Space Learning' maths intervention programme for our upper KS2 children.

We also used some of our allocation to support the cost of educational trips throughout the year for children for whom we receive pupil premium funding.

What was the impact of this?

***Due to small cohort sizes and numbers of children for whom we receive pupil premium funding we will not publish data which may identify individual children.***

Although our Y6 cohort in 2017/18 contained 5 children for whom we received pupil premium funding, 3 of those children joined us after the end of KS1, having achieved weaker results in their KS1 assessment. 2 children from this group also had significant SEN which definitely impacted their overall attainment.

However, the fact that as a school we achieved our progress target, and were therefore above the floor standards, for the last academic year shows that the impact of the extra adult support we were able to provide for these children was worthwhile.

We are aware that there are still areas we can improve on in terms of how we use our pupil premium allocation, hence our focus on 'growth mindset' for 2018/19.