

RPA Pupil Premium Statement

The government introduced the Pupil Premium Grant in April 2011. This grant is additional to main school funding. The Government believes that the pupil premium is the best way to address the current underlying inequalities between children eligible for free school meals (FSM) and their peers, by ensuring that funding reaches the pupils who need it most. The ultimate aim is to 'diminish the difference' between pupils from different backgrounds.

Funding is allocated by calculating the number of children who are looked after (in care for more than six months); the numbers registered for free school meals and the numbers of pupils who have been registered for free school meals in the last 6 years, to produce an identifiable amount that the school is given to use, **as they see fit**, to meet the needs of this group of pupils to ensure that they do not fall behind their peers.

At Redmarley Primary Academy we believe that the most effective system of 'diminishing the difference' is to identify where each child is at; identify the next steps in learning and then to ensure that an effective teaching programme with **Quality First Teaching** is in place to address that need. At RPA we are committed to being fully inclusive and so apply this approach to **ALL** pupils and not just pupils who are in receipt of Free School Meals. Using this money, alongside funding from our budget, we strive to 'diminish the difference' for **ALL** pupils.

As a school we decide how the Pupil Premium is spent and allocate provision for the eligible pupils within our care. At the core of all we do at RPA we feel that the pupil's emotional well being is central to the development of their academic success. If they do not feel confident or have a low self esteem then they will not be in a place to learn effectively. To this end we also feel that it is crucial that we work together with you as parents to plan how the monies for your child can be spent in order to maximise the benefit of the activities planned. Therefore we are committed to discussing with you at Parents Consultations (or on other occasions) how you feel your child would benefit from part of the monies being spent.

Below is the % of children in our school that we receive additional funding for:

- 13.85% % of pupils are in receipt of free school meals
- 0% of pupils are looked after
- 15.38% of pupils in the school who have received free school meals in one or more of the previous 6 years (Ever 6)

Please refer to the Pupil Premium Impact Report 2015 - 2016 for a statement about the impact of the funding. A proposed Expenditure Report for 2016 - 2017 is also on our website.