



## Pupil Premium Statement

This policy was reviewed and updated in *February 2018*

Next review date: *February 2019*

### Background to the Pupil Premium

The Pupil Premium is a government grant which is allocated to schools based on the number of pupils on roll who are either: looked after children, children of service personnel, children registered for free school meals or children who have been registered for free school meals within the last 6 years. The grant was introduced in 2011 and the amount allocated per student is shown below (taken from <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pupil-premium-conditions-of-grant-2017-to-2018/pupil-premium-conditions-of-grant-2017-to-2018>):

Pupils in year groups reception to year 6 as recorded as Ever 6 FSM	£1,320
Looked after children (LAC) defined in Children Act 1989 as one who is in the care of, or provided with accommodation by, an English local authority	£1,900
Children who have ceased to be looked after by a local authority in England and Wales because of adoption, a special guardianship order, a child arrangements order or a residence order	£1,900
<b>Service children</b>	
Pupils in year groups reception to year 11 recorded as Ever 6 service child or in receipt of child pension from the Ministry of Defence	£300

The purpose of the grant is to support schools in ensuring that children who may be disadvantaged achieve and attain in line with their peers.

## Our Rationale

Abbots Langley School acknowledges the responsibility for 'socially disadvantaged' pupils and we are committed to meeting their pastoral, social and academic needs within our school. We are committed to 'narrowing the gap' between vulnerable pupils and the Pupil Premium funding forms a vital part of that process. Abbots Langley School adopts the following principles for the Pupil Premium Grant:

- A whole school approach with all members of staff being empowered and accountable for our Pupil Premium pupils.
- There should be no gap in progress or attainment between Pupil Premium pupils and non-Pupil Premium pupils.
- Pupil Premium is a key focus of teaching and learning and plays a crucial part in planning, monitoring and assessment.
- Support from our pastoral team (Family Support Worker and Learning Mentor) to ensure pupils' emotional wellbeing needs are being met.
- A bespoke approach for each pupil, in order to identify interests, needs and focus areas.
- Direct involvement by all stakeholders including our Pupil Premium Link Governor – Mrs Jo Fewster

## How the funding is utilised

The funding is not ring-fenced. Therefore the school does not have to spend the exact amount on the particular eligible child. Instead schools are able to decide to use the money on things such as staff training, or whole class intentions. As a school, we are held accountable for how we spend the funding, partly through the Ofsted inspection process. Although inspectors won't judge a school on how it spends the funding, Ofsted want to see that the money is being used on strategies and initiative that are effective, and that leadership at Abbots Langley School are monitoring and managing this spending well. The school is also held to account by the link Governor for Pupil Premium, Mrs Jo Fewster as well as through the school's Pupil Premium Strategy, which outlines identified needs and expenditure.

Provision is made through a range of strategies. Some examples of these strategies are:

- Careful analysis of data to identify gaps
- Monitoring of pupil progress over time
- Identify and address barriers to learning
- Additional Teaching Assistant hours
- Staff training
- Specialist educational consultants
- Therapy support
- Engaging with parents and carers through Partnership Plans

- Educational trips
- Extra-curricular activities
- Educational resources
- Pastoral support for pupils and families

The targeted and strategic use of Pupil Premium funding will support us to accelerate progress, moving children to at least age-related expectations in English and Mathematics as well as encouraging and nurturing Pupil Premium pupils to become inspired, life-long learners both inside and outside of the classroom.