

COVID-19 Pupil Premium Addendum

Due to the changes to educational provision caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the detail in our Pupil Premium strategy is subject to review at short notice. The academy's use of the funding is being constantly adapted to meet students' needs as they have arisen, whilst maintaining, wherever possible, the principles outlined in this policy, and in others related to the Pupil Premium grant.

During the pandemic the following key steps have been taken to ensure that 'disadvantaged' pupils' barriers to learning will continue to be overcome wherever possible:

- A targeted digital offer starting with laptops and internet access for identified Year 10 students in the Summer Term of 2019-2020. Efforts are now being made to identify and connect relevant children in the Lower School, especially given the possibility of localised Lockdowns etc.
- A well-structured Home Learning offer, which takes into consideration the latest research, and which includes both on-line and paper-based learning. In addition to academic studies, there was a clear focus on mental health, wellbeing and the importance of e-safety.
- A clear strategy for Summer Holiday learning, including a Year 10 on-site Summer School.

On return to the academy in September 2020, identified Pupil Premium students will receive intensive tutoring designed to accelerate their progress.

School leaders with responsibility for administering the grant have drawn on these helpful publications from the Children's Commissioner and the Education Endowment Foundation:

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/cco-tackling-the-disadvantage-gap-during-the-covid-19-crisis.pdf>

<https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/covid-19-resources/best-evidence-on-impact-of-school-closures-on-the-attainment-gap/>

The academy will continue to follow guidance and advice from relevant bodies as it emerges, in consultation with other stakeholders.

This addendum should be read in conjunction with the academy's Curriculum Recovery Plan.