

PENRYN COLLEGE

Pupil Premium Policy

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Introduction

The Pupil Premium was introduced in April 2011. It is paid as a specific grant based on the number of pupils in the College that are registered as eligible.

The pupil premium is additional to main school funding and it will be used by Penryn College to address any underlying needs and/or inequalities between those pupils from these groups and others by ensuring that funding reaches the pupils who need it most.

Pupil eligibility

The following groups are eligible for pupil premium:

- pupils who are recorded as eligible for free school meals, or have been recorded as eligible in the past 6 years, including eligible children of families who have no recourse to public funds (NRPF)
- children looked after by local authorities, referred to as looked-after children
- children previously looked after by a local authority or other state care, referred to as previously looked-after children

Service pupil premium

Service pupil premium is additional funding for schools with pupils who have parents serving in the armed forces. It has been combined into pupil premium payments to make it easier for schools to manage their spending. Pupils in state-funded schools in England attract the service pupil premium grant, if they meet one or more of the following criteria:

- one of their parents is serving in the regular armed forces, including pupils with a parent who is on full commitment as part of the full-time reserve service - this includes pupils with a parent who is in the armed forces of another nation and is stationed in England
- registered as a 'service child' on any school census in the past 6 years
- one of their parents died while serving in the armed forces and the pupil receives a pension under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme or the War Pensions Scheme

This funding is primarily to enable schools to offer pastoral support and help mitigate the negative impact of family mobility or parental deployment. It can also be used to help improve the academic progress of eligible pupils if the school deems this to be a priority.

The Policy

1. The Pupil Premium will be used to provide additional educational support to improve the progress and to raise the standard of achievement for these pupils.
2. The funding will be used to narrow and close the gap between the achievement of these pupils and their peers.
3. As far as its powers allow the College will use the additional funding to address any underlying inequalities between pupils eligible for Pupil Premium and others.
4. The College will ensure that the additional funding reaches the pupils who need it most and that it makes significant impact on their education and lives.

We will achieve this by

- a. Auditing student need and matching resources to these students; this will be reviewed annually;
- b. Working with parents to ensure their children gain maximum benefit from the Pupil Premium;
- c. Clearly identifying the Pupil Premium within the budget
- d. Consultation between the Headteacher, Governors and staff to decide how the Pupil Premium is spent for the benefit of entitled pupils;
- e. Assessing what additional provision should be made for individual pupils;
- f. Accounting for how the Pupil Premium has been used to support the achievement of those pupils covered by the Pupil Premium;
- g. Reporting to the governing body and parents on how effective the intervention has been in achieving its aims.

Publication of Information

Penryn College will

- annually publish online information about how the College has used the Premium.
- ensure that parents, governors and others are made fully aware of the attainment of pupils covered by the Premium.
- seek to further develop strategies and interventions which can improve the progress and attainment of these pupils.
- track the impact of strategies put into place through the funding to ensure that we can show the value that has been added to the education of the entitled children.

- monitor, evaluate and review the success of the impact of the Pupil Premium funding.

Summary

This Policy will play an important part in the educational development of the individual pupils who are entitled to the Pupil Premium. Penryn College will ensure that these pupils are treated equally and as favourably as others and that the additional funding is used well to address the challenges they face. The College will use the additional funding to promote the achievement and progress of all entitled pupils. Through wise use of this additional funding we are fully committed to ensuring that the individual needs of each entitled child are met. As a result of the additional funding, these pupils will make better progress and achieve higher standards than would have been likely without it.