

## **Hillside Specialist School and College Pupil Premium Policy Statement**

### **Overview**

The Pupil Premium was introduced in April 2011 and is received by all Schools. It is designed to give the best support to raise the attainment for the most disadvantaged pupils. The Pupil Premium is received in addition to the main school budget funding (individual school budget share) and is calculated using the October School census, identifying those pupils who are currently registered for Free School Meals (FSM), have been in receipt of Free School Meals in the last six years, Service Children, Children Looked After or those Adopted From Care.

### **Objectives**

In allocating Pupil Premium funding, Hillside Specialist School and College will apply the following principles:-

- All pupils will be equally valued
- We are committed to meeting the academic, social and emotional wellbeing of all pupils
- We recognise that all pupils at our School face particular challenges due to their learning disability. We therefore allocate pupil premium funding to assist all pupils who are socially disadvantaged and benefit from interventions such as group work and community visits
- It is acknowledged that not all pupils qualifying for pupil premium are underachieving, therefore, provision may take the form of alternative enrichment projects and activities.
- We will ensure that additional funding reaches the pupils who need it most and that it makes a significant impact on their education and lives.

Other skills, such as, cooking, hygiene, independence, health and well being may also be covered using the pupil premium funding, activities are also arranged to support the development of social skills and include shopping, visits to cafes, parks and alternative multi-sensory environments than those on site.

### **Strategies**

- Pupil Premium funding will be clearly identifiable within the budget
- The Senior Leadership Team along with the wider staff team will decide how the Pupil Premium funding is spent to benefit entitled pupils.
- The School will track the impact of the strategies and interventions put in place through the funding to ensure we can show the value added to the education of pupils.
- The School will monitor, evaluate and review the success of the impact of the Pupil Premium Funding.
- The School will publish details each year details of how Pupil Premium funding has been used.
- The School will ensure that Governors receive a report outlining how funding has been spent and the effectiveness of interventions used to support our pupils.

**Outcomes**

This policy will play an important part in the educational development of the individual pupils who are entitled to Pupil Premium funding. We 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 school will use the additional funding to promote the achievement and progress of all entitled pupils. Through carefully considered use of this additional funding we are fully committed to ensuring that the individual needs of each entitled child are met.