



Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you for completing the online Pupil Premium test. The following explains that ways in which the Brakenhale School supports Pupil Premium students.

How is Brakenhale addressing the gap?

The Pupil Premium is a per-pupil payment, additional to main school funding, which is intended to address underlying socioeconomic inequalities between pupils.

The Premium was introduced in April 2011 and paid to children eligible for free school meals (FSM pupils) in that year. From April 2012, this was replaced by the 'Ever6' measure i.e. it is paid for every pupil who has been free school meal [FSM] eligible at any point in the last six years.

The 2017/18 rate of funding has been increased to £935 per pupil. Additional funding is given to students who are currently or have been under Local Authority Care.

Schools are free to spend the Pupil Premium as they see fit. However they will be held accountable for how they have used the additional funding to support pupils from low income families.

New measures will be included in performance tables that will capture the achievement of pupils covered by the Pupil Premium.

From September 2012, schools are also required to publish online information about how they have used the Premium. This will ensure that parents and others are made fully aware of the attainment of pupils covered by the Premium.

Brakenhale is committed to closing the gap between pupil premium students and the rest of the cohort. Our termly meetings will allow us to identify needs and priorities to ensure the best possible support is in place. The majority of our funding goes to support staffing; this allows smaller classes in Maths and English, extra numeracy and literacy through the progress department; increased resources in student support and one to one tuition in KS4. In many cases we do not specifically identify to the students that they are in receipt of this support.

The school receives an allocation of funding per head but this does not mean an individual entitlement, rather the school has discretion to spend this money to close the gap in the most effective way. There is a common misconception that being pupil premium entitles the students to attend all school trips – this is not the case. Payments for curriculum trips are always voluntary and we ask all parents to contribute but do not exclude students on the basis of payment. Optional visits are only supported out of pupil premium funding if it meets an identified need.

We are always happy to discuss the needs of our students and Heads of Year are in regular contact with parents where we believe we are able to offer additional support. Should you have any questions or concerns your child's Head of Year or the Pupil Premium Co-ordinator will be happy to help.





“To raise the attainment of disadvantaged pupils and close the gap between them and their peers.”

Whole School Level

Students are identified prior to arrival and information is transferred as part of our year 6 programme. Students are divided into a “Tier System” in order to ascertain the level of support they require and to make sure all interventions can be reviewed and monitored and their impact measure accordingly. All pupil premium students gain from smaller classes in both Maths and English. A personalised strategy is developed for each student at termly Pupil Premium year meetings (PPYM) attended by:

- SLT link
- Head of Year
- Data Team
- Pupil Premium Co-ordinator
- Progress
- Student Support

Pupil Premium Intervention Options

Breakfast Club
Homework Club (dept led)
Curriculum adjustment (subject withdrawal)
Attendance Action Plans
Tuition
Parental meeting/engagement
Requests for financial support
Mentoring
Data monitoring

Classroom Teachers

Every teacher will be aware of pupil premium students in their class. All data reports will identify pupil premium students.
Subject and form tutors will actively monitor attainment and progress and intervene as necessary.
Every teacher will be aware of and use as necessary the pupil premium funding request form where additional support can be sought.

Contact us

If you have any queries you would like to discuss with the Pupil Premium team, please contact us:

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