

Pupil Premium Strategy – Walworth Academy

Purpose of Report

ARK Schools Board has asked individual school LGBs to consider and discuss the application of Pupil Premium funding. This report gives the context and information to support that discussion.

Recommendation

The LGB is asked to discuss the information below and to indicate its support for the school's approach to the use of Pupil Premium funds.

General Context

- 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 FSM eligible at any point in the last six years.
- The 2012/13 rate of funding has been increased to £600 per pupil.
- 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.

Ofsted Recommendations

Ofsted conducted a survey of Pupil Premium usage during April/May 2012. Recommendations from the findings included the following:

- School leaders, including governing bodies, should ensure that Pupil Premium funding is not simply absorbed into mainstream budgets, but instead is carefully targeted at the designated children. They should be able to identify clearly how the money is being spent.
- School leaders, including governing bodies, should evaluate their Pupil Premium spending, avoid spending it on activities that have little impact on achievement for their disadvantaged pupils, and spend it in ways known to be most effective.
- Schools should continue to seek ways to encourage parents and carers to apply for FSM where pride, stigma or changing circumstances act as barriers to its take-up
- Ofsted should continue to evaluate the use of Pupil Premium funding by schools to ensure that they are focusing it on disadvantaged pupils and using it effectively

Walworth Academy Context

- 67% of pupils in years 7 to 11 fall into the Ever 6 FSM category, which for this year means that we are funded on 570 pupils.
- Total amount of Pupil Premium funding this year is £342k (last Year £319k)

Application of Pupil Premium Funding

Approach	Amount	Breakdown	Detail	Likely impact
Year 7 Bonding Trips to Adventure Centre	£12k	Staff Costs £3k Transport £2k Centre £7k	Students al taken to Arethusa in Kent	Builds small School ethos, staff get to know pupils
Revision Weekends	£52k	Staff Costs £14k Transport £7k Centre £29k Food £ 2K	Students taken away off site to revise Targeted on low C grade and below	Improves GCSE grades and focuses students on exam technique
Off Site Education Provision	£120k	Various off-site provision £120k		Targets students who need more practical timetable and who disrupt the learning of others Working with pupils who are not up to target
Intervention	£120k	Teachers' time	After school and holiday intervention	Build self- esteem, reward good behaviour
Awards	£15k	Attendance Achievement Principal's Reading Challenge Prize-giving	Various awards both during term and at final assembly	Reward all pupils for a hard worked year
Year End trips	£10k	Thorpe Park Chessington		

Approach	Amount	Breakdown	Detail	Likely impact
Music Lesson	£35k	Peripatetic Teachers/Instruments	Music lessons and instruments supplied at no cost	Give access to an opportunity that students would otherwise not be able to experience

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