



St Bartholomew's School Parents' Handbook

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Pupil Premium Grant

The Pupil Premium grant refers to additional funding given to schools to support the students on roll who come from a services family, are in care, have been adopted, and those who receive, or have received in the last six years (Ever 6), free school meals (FSM). Schools are expected to use the Pupil Premium to support the progress of these students and are required to publish information on how the Pupil Premium is being spent, together with an evaluation of the impact it is having on the progress and achievement of Pupil Premium students. This information is on our website.



How is Pupil Premium Funding being used to increase progress?

The Pupil Premium funding is spent in a number of ways, the impact of which is clearly evaluated. As well as looking at the overall impact of the funding on Pupil Premium students, we also measure the effectiveness of provisions and interventions put in place to support individual students. The impact of each key provision funded by the Pupil Premium Grant is evaluated by analysing the achievement and engagement in learning of the students receiving the provision. This evaluation takes place after each new cycle of progress report data is analysed. This enables both the short and longer term tracking of the impact of each provision.

Ongoing analysis of the impact of each provision will enable decisions to be taken about how to spend the Pupil Premium Grant most effectively. Provisions that have the greatest impact will be supported with continued investment, whilst those that are not having as much impact will be reviewed and adapted to ensure they support student progress more effectively.

Who can I talk to about Pupil Premium?

All members of staff have a clear focus on Pupil Premium. The first point of contact for parents with the school, will often be the Form Tutor or the House Office.

If there are further questions please contact the school.





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Eligibility for Free School Meals

If you are receiving benefits, you could qualify for Free School Meals for your child.

For more information, or to apply online, go to https://www.westberks.gov.uk/free-school-meals-apply or call the West Berkshire Council team on 01635 503622.

Support for the Purchase of School Uniform

In the interests of inclusion and the maintenance of high standards, the school will provide financial support to provide key items of uniform for eligible families

Students will be entitled to support with school uniform when they start in Year 7 if they are eligible for Pupil Premium Funding.

No financial refunds will be given for previously purchased items. Any queries can be raised with the school.

In the case of extreme hardship, requests for assistance will be considered from families not eligible for Free School Meals/Pupil Premium Funding. Any queries can be raised with the House office.

It is understood that any uniform supplied under this scheme and in good condition will be returned to the school if the student outgrows it or leaves the school.