



Danemill

Primary School

Only the best is good enough.

Pupil Premium Policy

September 2020

Review date: September 2021

Aims

We aim to ensure that every child leaves Danemill Primary School having achieved the best possible academic and personal standards possible ~ particularly following the Covid situation that we currently find ourselves in. We want to equip them with our characteristics which link to our school vision: Bravery, Resilience, Creativity, Communication, Motivation, Curiosity, Collaboration and Reflection. These qualities will enable them to thrive and to champion kindness and fairness at all stages of their future lives. They will be life-long learners and citizens of the future.

The targeted and strategic use of Pupil Premium funding will support us in achieving our aims.

Background

The pupil premium is a government initiative that targets extra money at pupils from deprived backgrounds. Research shows that pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds underachieve compared to their non-disadvantaged peers. The premium is provided to enable these pupils to be supported to reach their potential. The Government has used pupils entitled to free school meals (FSM), looked after children and service children as indicators of deprivation, and have provided a fixed amount of money for schools per pupil based on the number of pupils registered for FSM over a rolling six year period. The Department for Education (DfE) has published updated guidance on pupil premium funding and accountability for schools. The revised guidance includes updated information on pupil premium reviews and what information schools need to publish on their website. From 1 September, schools maintained by the local authority must publish their strategy for the school's use of the pupil premium on their websites.

At Danemill Primary School we will be using the indicator of those eligible for FSM as well as identified vulnerable groups as our target children to 'close the gap' regarding attainment.

See our Funding plan 2020 – 2021

Principles

Our school works hard to ensure the needs of our socially disadvantaged children are catered for, we adhere to our Pupil Premium Principles (See Appendix A).

To ensure we meet the needs we:

- Teaching and learning opportunities meet the needs of all pupils, particularly since Covid & lockdown where children have lost a lengthy time of learning.
- Appropriate provision is made for pupils who belong to vulnerable groups. This specifically includes ensuring that the needs of socially disadvantaged pupils are addressed.
- In making provision for socially disadvantaged pupils, we recognise that not all pupils who are eligible for free school meals, (or have been eligible in the last 6 years) are socially disadvantaged.
- We also recognise that not all pupils who are socially disadvantaged are registered or qualify for free school meals. We therefore allocate Pupil Premium funding to support any pupil or groups of pupils that the school has legitimately identified as being socially disadvantaged.

In some exceptional individual cases, the PPF is used to ensure that barriers to learning for vulnerable children are removed so that the child is able to access the provision provided for them. For instance, if a pupil premium funded child requires transportation to attend a school event. In this case, a request is made to the Headteacher who will assess the needs at the time.

Identification of Pupils

Danemill Primary School will be pro-active in ensuring that all of pupils who are eligible for funding are identified quickly to ensure that support can be offered quickly and therefore have the best impact. All new pupils to the school will be required to complete a form to help us identify if children could be eligible for funding. In addition, a census letter will be distributed before the January census day to ensure that any pupils who may have had a change of financial circumstances can be identified.

We will ensure that:

- ALL staff are aware of who pupil premium and vulnerable children are
- ALL pupil premium children benefit from the funding, not just those who are underperforming
- Underachievement at all levels is targeted (not just lower attaining pupils)
- Children's individual needs are considered carefully so that we provide support for those children who could be doing "even better if....."

Provision

We have a range of provision in place to support children who belong to vulnerable groups, including those who are socially disadvantaged. This provision has the full support of the Advisory Board and includes:

- Providing small group work with an experienced teacher focussed on overcoming gaps in learning support
- Additional teaching and learning opportunities provided by teachers, TAs or external agencies
- Additional support from our Pastoral Team ~ SENDco, Inclusion Manager, ELSA, Wellbeing LSAs
- Additional support for assessments, training and advice from specialists such as speech therapists, educational psychologists etc.
- Additional support from our SALT assistant
- Additional support from a SEND Sports Coach
- Access to therapeutic interventions and advice
- Paying for activities that broaden the curriculum and life experiences

All our work funded by the Pupil Premium will be aimed at accelerating progress so that the vast majority of children leave Danemill Primary School at, or above, the national average. We also aim for every child to make progress that is good or better, so that they leave having reached their full potential regardless of their starting points.

Funding arrangements

Pupil Premium funding will be allocated following annual needs analysis which will identify priority groups and individuals. Funding will be used to support academic development and support the social and emotional wellbeing of our Pupil Premium pupils.

As a school, we believe that extra-curricular activities and creative curriculum experiences such as trips, visiting speakers, attendance at Discovery Schools Trust events, musical and sporting experiences and many more experiences help to deepen the learning experience offered to our children and therefore support progress.

For pupils who are eligible for pupil premium funding, the following guidelines are applied to support enrichment experiences such as:

- Educational Trips – which are 25% discounted for all funded for PPG pupils

- Music lessons (offered through school)
- Before and After School care
- Extra-curricular clubs

For families that find themselves in need of additional support in paying for school-related expenses, use of the PP funding may be possible with consultation with the Pupil Premium Leader.

Reporting

The Headteacher of Danemill Primary School will produce an annual report for the Advisory Board' curriculum committee on:

- the progress made towards narrowing the gap, by year group, for socially disadvantaged pupils
- an outline of the provision
- an evaluation of the cost effectiveness, in terms of the progress made by the pupils receiving a particular provision, when compared with other forms of support

The Advisory Board of Danemill Primary School will ensure that there is an annual statement to parents and carers on how the Pupil Premium funding has been used to address the issue of 'narrowing the gap', for socially disadvantaged pupils. This statement will be published on the school's website.

Appeal

Any appeals against this policy will be through the Advisory Board complaints procedure.

REVIEW

The Board of will review this policy statement annually and update, modify or amend it as it considers necessary to ensure the policy meets the needs of all the schools in the Trust.

SignedDate
(Headteacher)

SignedDate (Chair of Advisory Board)

