

Pupil Premium ~ Disadvantaged Subsidy Fund

The school has a fund of money based on those entitled to free school meals to support children in circumstances of financial disadvantage.

In 2018-19 this fund is £328,020

The priorities for spending this allocation have remained consistent for the last two years. We use this fund to narrow the gap in attainment between those children who experience financial disadvantage and those who do not. We use the fund to provide first hand experiences for children who may otherwise not have had them. We provide parental support for those who require it.

- Our experienced Parent Support Advisors: Louise Anderson and Marcus Ciccone offer a programme of advice and also signpost services to parents. They coordinate Early Help Support and work closely with outside agencies.
- Parent Support Advisors run Harewood Tots - a pre-school group who work with Riverbank Children's Centre to support parents with early learning and to create a relationship between the Children Centre and parents.
- Louise Anderson organises a stay and play session with some of our Nursery parents.
- Additional Teachers across school are employed to reduce pupil teacher ratios and undertake targeted interventions to support children to narrow their gap in attainment.
- Additional Teaching Assistants are employed to support interventions with children across school to address any underachievement
- We employ an experienced Educational Psychologist to identify barriers to learning so that we can target strategies accurately in order to narrow the attainment gap
- We provide a free breakfast for children on Free School Meals Ever 6 to give them a good start to the day
- We provide free uniform to those experiencing hardship to ensure children are warm and well dressed
- We have a school mini bus to enable staff to take children on free visits to broaden their first hand learning
- We provide free after school clubs targeted at improving children's fitness to tackle high levels of obesity.
- We employ specialist coaches to enable those with a talent to develop and compete with those in more affluent circumstances

The successful impact of this fund can be demonstrated by:

- The narrow gap in attainment between those on free school meals and those who are not.
- High levels of attainment for those on FSM
- There is a narrow gap in attendance between those on free school meals and those not on free school meals.
- The effective support for families at an Early Help level

The priorities for spending this fund are decided by the Governing Body each Spring Term at the Resources Committee Meeting. If parents have any suggestions for services we can provide or need some support for their children please contact Mrs J Conway, Mrs L Anderson or Mr M Ciccone.