

Pupil Premium at Batheaston Primary School

What is The Pupil Premium?

The Pupil Premium is an allocation of additional funding to schools to support children who may be vulnerable to possible underachievement.

The Pupil Premium is available to children who are eligible for Free School Meals (or have been so at any point over the past 6 years); children who have been looked after by the Local Authority for over 6 months; and children whose parents serve in The Armed Forces.

Nationally, there is a gap between the achievements of children who access Free School Meals (FSM) provision and those who don't. The aim of the Pupil Premium is to 'close the gap' in achievement between these two groups.

How is The Pupil Premium used at Batheaston Primary School?

The government allows schools to use their discretion in how they allocate their Pupil Premium Funding, but require schools to report on the amount of funding received, how it is being used and the outcomes for the pupils involved.

During the academic year 2015/16 the Pupil Premium allocation has been £1300 per pupil. At Batheaston Primary School, we were allocated £41,500, based on 31 eligible pupils.

What are the main barriers to achievement for the Pupil Premium children at Batheaston Primary School?

The main barriers for children at Batheaston Primary School can be summarised into three sections:

- Financial circumstances—meaning children are not able to access the resources and activities of their peers
- Academic disadvantage—where children may have had less access to home support, in a wide variety of forms
- Emotional well-being—where children's emotional development may have been interrupted, resulting in them struggling to access the learning on offer within school