

Pupil Premium Report to Parents and all Stakeholders 2014 – 2015

This year we have received approximately £100,000 for pupil premium. This money is extra funding received by schools from central government for children in receipt of free school meals and for children with other identified needs. The government have also given schools the freedom to support families who qualify for free school meals in other ways – such as funding towards trips or school uniform. This additional support is of course limited as the prime use of the funding is intended to support children's education.

The governments overall concern is that the attainment gap between groups of pupils narrows and that all children (wherever possible) reach the expected attainment levels by the time they leave primary school. Level 2+ in Year 2 / Level 4+ in Year 6. As parents you will know from our results that high levels of pupils reach those expected outcomes by the time they leave us at the end of Year 6. In fact our results continue to be well above the national average and were indeed a major contributory factor towards our Outstanding grade at our last Ofsted inspection. We pride ourselves as a school in those very high outcomes for our children.

How the money is spent

At Swallowdale we have made a conscious decision to spend the money as strategically as possible. The money is targeted and used to support many small group teaching activities, as well as to support individuals. We have a high ratio of adults to children at school and this allows us great flexibility in how we deliver the curriculum.

Additional staff provided by Pupil Premium monies include – Mrs Batchelor / Mrs Gordon / Mrs Allen / Mrs Perry / Mrs Smith / Mrs Poolan. We have maintained a high ratio of adult support in Reception, KS1 and KS2 over many years from the main school budget, and it is our intention to continue this as long as funds allow. This allows extra support across all ability groups in the infants (KS1) and juniors (KS2).

Some important facts about Free School Meals

- As a school we are transparent in our reporting of how we use Pupil Premium
- Encourage take up of Pupil Premium by those eligible
- We are mindful of the fact that eligibility and take up of FSM does not equate with pupils being considered of low ability
- Ensure that we monitor and evaluate the use of PP monies in terms of pupil outcomes
- We recognise that pupils who qualify for free school meals may have a wide range of needs.
- Use high quality teaching and learning as well as quality first teaching to narrow attainment gaps
- Use PP monies for all year groups across the school