



Little Hill

Primary School

# Pupil Premium and Free School Meals



# What is Pupil Premium?

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Pupil Premium was introduced in April 2011 to help address the attainment gap between disadvantaged pupils and their non-disadvantaged peers. Schools can use the additional funding to help tackle these inequalities and directly target those pupils who need it most.

The school receives additional funding for all pupils who have been registered for Free School Meals at any time over the last 6 years. This extra funding goes towards providing extra curriculum support, resources and enrichment opportunities for all our pupil premium children.



# What are Free School Meals?

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Free School Meals allow pupils to access a balanced nutritious two course main meal and a drink each day.

Your child might be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support or Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Universal Credit – if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.
- Guaranteed pension credit



# How can you make a Claim for Free School Meals?

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It is very important that you claim for Free School Meals if you are eligible. Even if your child is in key stage 1 and in receipt of universal Free School Meals, or they have a packed lunch. Claiming Free School Meals brings other benefits to you, such as reduced costs for school trips and residentials and additional resources for your child in school.

You could call: 0116 305 5417

Alternatively visit:

<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/social-care-and-supporting-families/free-school-meals>

Claiming is designed to be straight-forward. However, if you need some support. Please do not hesitate to ask to speak to Miss Worthington or any member of our office staff team.

## Our Pupil Premium spending

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At Little Hill Primary School, we use our Pupil Premium funding to support the whole child, and our provision is broken down into academic, wellbeing, as well as enrichment or engagement outcomes, to help ensure this. We are also committed to providing support for our families and developing a successful home school partnership.



# Our Pupil Premium Team

We have a dedicated team for pupil support and welfare and to develop parent partnerships for our pupil premium children and families



Miss Worthington

I oversee the support for the Pupil Premium children as well as those with medical needs. I monitor their progress and the impact of the support they are getting.



Mrs Richardson

My role is to support pupil welfare and wellbeing as the school's 'ELSA', Emotional Literacy Support Assistant. In addition to this, I help develop parent partnerships and support families.

You can talk to any member of the pupil premium team for help and advice. Our school Inclusion Manager, Mrs Roberts is also available to offer support. We can also point you in the direction of additional help such as the school nurse or our school-based counsellor.

We organise a number of events for families to get involved in within school, and to find about our work and roles.



# What help and support is offered?

## Additional enrichment and engagement opportunities:

- ✚ Additional school visits and visitors to school
- ✚ Music tuition and performing arts opportunities
- ✚ After school clubs and lunchtime clubs
- ✚ Additional family support
- ✚ Funding support for residentials, school trips and school uniform

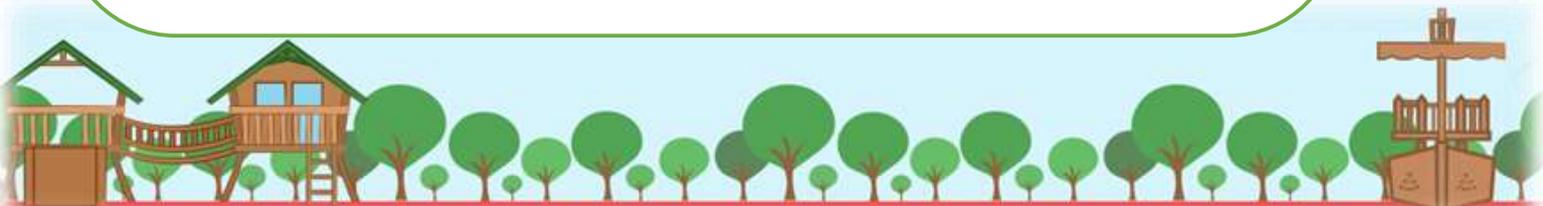
## Academic outcomes support:

- ✚ Additional support in class, including enhanced feedback
- ✚ Bespoke provision and 1 to 1 support for targeted pupils
- ✚ Homework clubs and book clubs
- ✚ Individual provision mapping and impact profiling



## Wellbeing support:

- ✚ 'Time for us' support sessions with the school ELSA and pupil welfare lead
- ✚ 'Time to chill' lunchtime clubs as well as mindfulness groups
- ✚ 'Time to talk' drop ins for pupils each week
- ✚ 'Time for you' sessions with a school-based counselling service (Relate)
- ✚ Individual mentoring for targeted pupils
- ✚ Lunchtime and playtime support and buddy schemes



# Pupil Profiling

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All of our pupil premium pupils have additional profiles as well as provision mapping. This includes information on academic progress and the range of extra support and provision that the school has put in place. It enables us to target support effectively, assess the impact of the pupil premium spending for that pupil and identify additional barriers. We discuss progress with teachers and parents each term. All of our pupil premium children also have some 1 to 1 time, as part of this to talk about what achievements they are proud of.

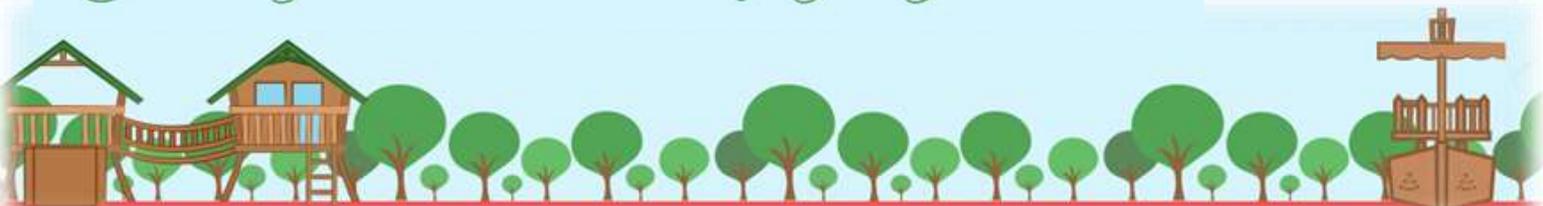


# Evidence base research

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The school offers our pupil premium pupils additional opportunities for enhanced pupil feedback sessions, these involve the class teacher or learning support assistants working through the pupil's books and supporting them to respond to the feedback given by the teachers. They offer specific praise and help them push the boundaries of their potential further. The school also promotes collaborative learning approaches, free choice differentiation and opportunities for mastery learning. All of these approaches are underpinned by evidenced based research from the Education Endowment Foundation (EEF).

*Giving children a flying start*



# School trips and residential

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We offer a fantastic range of additional enrichment opportunities for our pupils. All year groups plans a school visit or event in school to enhance the learning for each unit of work they cover termly. In addition to this our years 4, 5 and 6 all have residential visits; for which we can cover 50% of the costs. In years 5 they have a residential to Condover Hall and in year 6 they have a week in Norfolk.



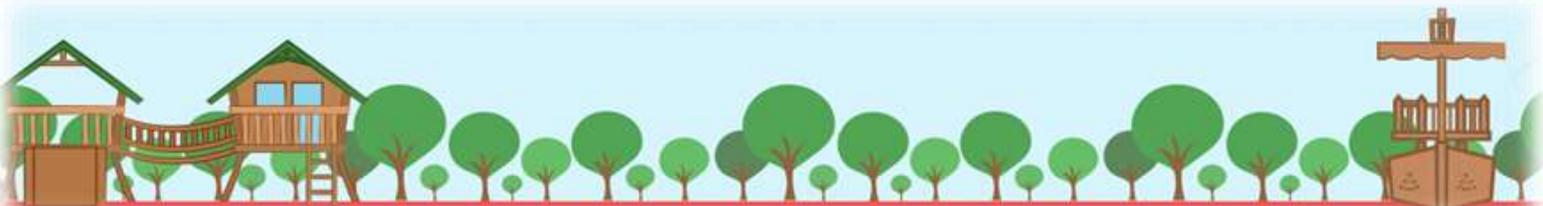
'I loved going to Condover because the food was delicious and we got to be outdoors all of the time''

# Music tuition and school clubs

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We pride ourselves on the variety of clubs and opportunities for our pupils in school. These include our family 'let's get Cooking' clubs as well as opportunities to be involved in sports and performing arts, like drama.

We also offer many opportunities to learn musical instruments including guitar, ukulele and recorder at discounted rates.



# Bespoke and 1 to 1 support and feedback

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All of our pupil premium have support carefully matched to their needs. As reading is the key to accessing education we track their reading progress which enables us to support them. This includes targeted group work and bespoke 1 to 1 tuition where a need is identified. In addition to this we provide enhanced feedback approaches as well as mastery learning.



## Homework clubs

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The school provides homework clubs and additional support for pupils who are having difficulty completing their homework at home. They have access to additional resources including computers and ipads.

'If I didn't have homework club I would find it hard to get my homework all done'

## Reading to Dogs

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The use of therapy reading dogs is an initiative that has been working successfully in a number of schools nationally now. They have shown to provide good support, in a non-judgmental setting. Therapy dogs can provide support for anxiety as well as increase confidence in reading.

Our school reading dog is called Toby and he visits every Thursday afternoon to work with children. He is a Shi-Tzu, a breed known to be good with young children.



# ELSA support and mentoring. Counselling support

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'I like having a mentor. They listen to you, offer support and make suggestions for any issues'

The school's ELSA and pupil welfare lead offers planned support sessions for pupils experiencing emotional or mental health difficulties and we have a dedicated 'Time for you' room where these sessions take place. In addition to this the school has a school-based counsellor from relate who supports children one day a week. Targeted pupils also have access to a mentor who checks in on them regularly.



## 'Time to chill' and 'Time to talk'

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All pupils are able to sign up to our lunchtime clubs to support wellbeing. These focus on providing opportunities to relax, do mindfulness activities or engage in art, craft and drawing therapies. Pupils develop positive attitudes, self-awareness, as well as friendships and social skills, through a programme of games and activities each session. In addition they have opportunities to talk 1 to 1 to a member of our pupil premium team.

