



Cassiobury Junior School

Everything you need to know about Pupil Premium Funding *July 2024 Edition*

What is Pupil Premium?

Pupil Premium was introduced in April 2011 and is a grant given to Schools each year by the Government to improve the attainment of disadvantaged children. This is based on research showing that children from disadvantaged families perform less well, at school, than their peers. The Pupil Premium is intended to help to narrow the gap between disadvantaged children and their classmates.

From September 2014, all children from Reception to year 2 are offered free school meals (FSM), regardless of their family income, this does not apply to children in the 'Juniors.' If your child qualifies for free school meals, it is important that you tell us – even if they take a packed lunch – as this enables us to claim Pupil Premium.

Who is entitled to Pupil Premium?

The Pupil Premium is allocated to children who are in at least one of the following categories:

- Who are looked after by the local authority (CLA)
- who have been eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) at any point in the last six years or are currently FSM.
- Whose parents are currently serving in the armed forces.

The Pupil Premium is £1,480 per primary pupil for children who are or have been eligible for Free School Meals (FSM).

What is the Service Premium?

The Service Premium grant is for pupils who have a parent serving in the armed forces. Unlike the Pupil Premium, this grant is not solely for raising attainments but for providing additional (mainly pastoral) support.

Who receives the Service Premium?

- Pupils with a parent currently serving in the armed services and supporting their family.
- Pupils who have a parent who died in action and
- Those whose parents have left the services since April 2011 for other reasons, including injury.

The parent must be supporting their family, so where they are separated or divorced, a pupil will not be eligible. If your circumstances change then service premium may stop.

What is Pupil Premium Plus?

Children who are “looked after” (CLA) attract a higher rate of funding known as “Pupil Premium Plus”. This is to reflect the unique challenges they face at school. Children will be funded from their first day in care. Pupil Premium Plus is paid directly to the school in equal amounts each term in conjunction with the Hertfordshire Virtual School.

What we offer at Cassiobury Junior School

We carefully consider what would be of most benefit to the children who are eligible for Pupil Premium and tailor our spending accordingly. We offer:

- One after school club at Cassiobury Junior School or Cassiobury Infants School per term up to the value of £50 per term.
- Extra one-to-one or small group support, where in-school data indicates a need.
- Teacher and pupil conferencing.
- Interventions before or after school for children who need extra help, where in-school data indicates a need.
- A music lesson per week at Cassiobury Junior School, through Herts Music Service only.
- 50% Funding / part payment of educational trips and visits
- Additional support such as Art Therapy, Mentoring, Counselling, Speech Therapy or Family Support; where it is deemed appropriate by the school.
- Due to funding pressures, we cannot pay for holiday clubs but the local authority provides holiday clubs such “Happy Holidays”.
- Assistance with uniform to the value of one jumper and two polo shirts per year. All other uniform requests to go via the headteacher.
- Any other requests for support should go via the headteacher as they are not guaranteed.

Please feel free to come in and talk to us – Mrs Newman, our Inclusion Lead & SENDCo, is available on Tuesdays to meet with you to discuss any support required. You can contact her via email at admin@cassioburyjm.herts.sch.uk (subject: PPG Meeting)

*Please refer to our website for further information on annual expenditure.

Please email admin@cassioburyjm.herts.sch.uk to request the benefits you require for your child(ren) who are eligible for PPG.

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