

Pupil Premium Provision

Pupil Premium is additional funding allocated to schools to help support disadvantaged students to reduce the gap in performance between them and their peers. The funding is allocated to students who have been eligible for free school meals (FSM) at any point during the last six years (also known as Ever 6 FSM) and for children whose parents are currently serving in the armed forces. This equates to 28% (126 students) of our school population. The funding contributes to a wide range of resources designed to maximise student potential. For example, intervention in core subjects, a strong inclusion team (Engage) and opportunities for extended school activities.

The school also receives additional funding for year 7 students who did not achieve level 4 (the expected attainment level) or better at Key Stage 2 in reading and/or maths. This funding, known as 'Catch-Up funding', is used to provide these students with additional provision in literacy and numeracy to enable them to fully access the secondary curriculum.

Principles:

All members of staff and governors accept responsibility for 'disadvantaged' students and are committed to meet their pastoral, social and academic needs within a caring environment. As with every child in our care, each child that is considered to be 'disadvantaged' is valued, respected and entitled to develop his/her full potential.

Background:

Pupil Premium is extra funding that targets students from deprived backgrounds. Research shows that these students underachieve compared to their peers. It is provided to support these students and help them reach their potential. The DFE use students who are entitled to free school meals (FSM), children of service personnel and looked after children as indicators for deprivation. It allocates a fixed amount of money to schools for each student in these categories.

The Government does not stipulate how schools spend this money, but it is made clear that it must be used to employ strategies that will support disadvantaged students and increase their level of attainment.

Provision:

In order to meet the above requirements, Acle Academy ensures that provision is made to secure the teaching and learning opportunities of all students. As part of the additional provision made for students who belong to the vulnerable groups, the school will ensure that the needs of socially disadvantaged students are adequately addressed.