

COVID-19 Update

Due to the changes to educational provision caused by the COVID-19 pandemic the detail in this Pupil Premium strategy has been subject to review since April 2020. Our use of the funding has been adapted to meet students' needs as they have arisen, whilst maintaining where possible the principles outlined in this document, and in others related to the PPG.

During the pandemic the following key steps have been taken to ensure that 'disadvantaged' pupils' barriers to learning will continue to be overcome wherever possible:

- The pupil premium experience manager will make fortnightly contact with all pupil premium students to see if they need additional support.
- Vulnerable pupil premium students will be invited to join the key worker group as appropriate.
- Pupil premium students will be provided with necessary resources (eg. paper copies of work sent home, laptops etc)

Future versions of the strategy will reflect the changes that are currently being made.

School leaders with responsibility for administering the PPG have drawn on these helpful publications from the Children's Commissioner and the Education Endowment Foundation:

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/cco-tackling-the-disadvantage-gap-during-the-covid-19-crisis.pdf>

<https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/covid-19-resources/best-evidence-on-impact-of-school-closures-on-the-attainment-gap/>

They will continue to follow guidance and advice from relevant bodies as it emerges, in consultation with other stakeholders.