HEMLOCK STONE SCHOOL

Pupil Premium and Pupil Premium Plus Statement

Pupil premium grant is assessed as pupil premium (PP) or pupil premium plus (PP+) funding. PP funding is used to improve education outcomes of disadvantaged pupils of all abilities in schools in England who are eligible for free school meals while PP+ funding is an additional government funding for either a child looked after (CLA) or previously looked after child (PLAC) with focus on CLA and PLAC' s social, emotional and wider needs. Pupils are eligible for pupil premium plus if they fall into the following groups:

- Are in local authority care in England.
- Adopted from care in England or Wales.
- Left care under a Special Guardianship Order (SGO).
- Left care under a Child Arrangements Order (formerly known as a Residence Order.

This funding boosts the learning of children and young people so that gaps between peers are narrowed and all children and young people are able to reach their full potential.

Evidence shows that the most effective schools achieve best outcomes through high quality teaching, strong leadership, a relevant and coherent curriculum, a culture of high expectations, targeted catch-up and enrichment activities. Intrinsic support in the basics, can enable children from disadvantaged backgrounds catch up with their peers. Schools also influence how parents support their child's learning and behaviour as they grow older and their needs develop. They can also help parents understand the breadth of possibilities open to their child.

Some of the key areas pupil premium fund is used for are:

- Supporting high-quality teaching, such as staff professional development.
- Provision of targeted academic support, such as tutoring.
- Tackling non-academic barriers to academic success, such as difficulties with attendance, behaviour, and social and emotional wellbeing.

Pupil premium plus on the other hand is used to commission services or activities that will benefit Looked After Children and Previously Looked After Children holistically using any one of the following additional provisions:

- Purchase of specific equipment/software to support learning.
- Revision guides and other resources to support Exam preparation.
- IT equipment e.g. laptops, iPads and iPods
- Communication aids
- Individual music lessons/ sport coaching/ dance groups etc
- Sensory toys/equipment/activities
- Specialised equipment to promote learning of a new skill e.g. riding a bike.

Individual impact of pupil premium plus can be requested at any time.

Pupil premium and pupil premium plus are paid in varying amounts from different local authorities.