**Pupil Premium Report**

**July 2016**

This report focuses on the

1. The Pupil Premium Funding Cycle
2. The Deprivation Pupil Premium at St Oswalds

**Funding Cycle**

 Pupil Premium funding is based on the actual children in school at the end of January, who:

1. currently receive free school meals (FSM)
2. have received free school meals any time in the last 6 years (Ever6)
3. have a parent in the Armed Forces
4. have had a parent in the Armed Forces anytime in the last 6 years (Ever6)
5. has been adopted from care or is a looked-after child

This funding is then received for these specific children from the following April. However the list of children is not confirmed until mid-August, when adjustments may occur. The funding is paid in instalments throughout the financial year.

The current payment for children who receive FSM (and Ever6 children) is £1320 whereas the payment for a Service Child is £300. A child who has been adopted “receives” £1900.

The Pupil Premium payments are not automatic – for example a parent must declare their child’s service status before January 21st to receive funding in April of the same year. However, the parent does not have to re-declare the child’s status every year. The same process applies to looked-after or adopted children.

Because of how and when the funding is calculated, a child starting in Early Years in September will not receive any funding until 8 months later, in the following April.

Conversely, the funding (from September to April) for a year 6 child remains with the primary school even though the child will have moved to a new school in year 7.

See attached “diagram” for diagrammatic representation of the differences in the dates of the “census” year, the Financial year and the School year.

Theoretically the “lack” of funding in Early Years may be balanced out by the funding received by the Year 6 pupils that have left. However, in reality this “funding difference” could also be to a schools detriment, if more children who are entitled to Pupil Premium funds join the school (in Early Years) then the number of Year 6 children who move on to Secondary school.

**Deprivation Pupil Premium**

The deprivation premium is the premium paid for children who are, or have been, registered as eligible for free school meals at any point in the last 6 years

This premium is *“additional funding to raise the attainment of disadvantaged* *pupils of all abilities and to close the gaps between them and their peers.”* The school currently receives £1320 per year for each of these children.

There are 31 children who fall into this category from 24 different families.

12 of the children currently receive FSMs and 19 are Ever6 children.

*The split of children over the seven year groups is as follows:*

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Year Group** | **No. of Children** |
| Early Years | 5 |
| 1 | 2 |
| 2 | 4 |
| 3 | 8 |
| 4 | 4 |
| 5 | 4 |
| 6 | 4 |
| **Total** | **31** |

At St Oswalds, when **ALL** the pupil premium children are taken into account there is a significant “imbalance” between the number of children and the amount of funding. This can be shown most easily on the table below:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **No. of children** | **%** | **Funding** | **%** |
| **Service Premium** | 61 | 64 | 18,300 | 28 |
| **FSM Premium** | 31 | 33 | 40,920 | 63 |
| **Other** | 3 | 3 |  5,700 | 9 |
| **Total** | 95 | 100% | 64,920 | 100% |

Although the number of children receiving the Deprivation (FSM) Premium is almost half that of those receiving the Service Premium, the amount of funding that they receive is more than double.

This gives rise to a number of questions:

1. Is the attainment of these disadvantaged children being raised?
2. Are the gaps between these children and their peers being closed?
3. Is the funding being spent in the right place and on the right children in order to proactively close any attainment gaps?

Further research and analysis will need to be undertaken before these questions can be adequately answered. Therefore they will (hopefully) be covered in more depth in a later Pupil Premium report.