



Pupil Premium Policy

March 2026

Rationale and Vision

At Brookhurst Primary School, we aim for all children to be nurtured to achieve excellence in whatever form that takes for them. We are committed to ensuring that no pupil is disadvantaged because of their circumstances, either in their academic progress or in their wider experience of school life.

Pupil Premium funding, provided by the Department for Education, is allocated to schools to improve outcomes for disadvantaged pupils. At Brookhurst, we use this funding strategically to diminish differences in attainment, progress, attendance and participation between disadvantaged pupils and their peers, both within school and nationally.

This policy should be read alongside the school's **Pupil Premium Strategy Statement** and **School Development Plan**. It outlines how funding is allocated, monitored and evaluated to ensure it has measurable impact.

Principles

In line with national guidance and evidence-informed practice, Brookhurst Primary School will:

- Prioritise high-quality teaching as the most effective lever for improving outcomes.
- Use diagnostic assessment to identify barriers to learning.
- Provide targeted academic and pastoral support where required.
- Promote full participation in the wider life of the school.
- Regularly monitor the impact of spending decisions.

Use of Pupil Premium Funding

Brookhurst Primary School uses its Pupil Premium funding in a range of evidence-informed ways. These include (but are not limited to):

1. Quality First Teaching

- Professional development to enhance the quality of teaching for all pupils.
- Curriculum refinement to ensure ambitious expectations for disadvantaged pupils.
- Deployment of skilled staff to maximise impact in classrooms.

2. Targeted Academic Support

- Small-group or 1:1 interventions based on identified need.
- Structured programmes to support reading, writing and mathematics.
- Pre- and post-teaching to support access to age-related expectations.

All interventions are time-bound and evaluated termly for impact on progress.

3. Wider Strategies and Enrichment

- Contributing to the costs of educational visits, wraparound care, and extra-curricular activities provided by or taking place at the school.

- Purchasing essential items to enable participation in the full life of the school (for example, wellies to participate in Forest School).
- Supporting attendance, punctuality and emotional wellbeing where these are identified barriers.

The school recognises that access to enrichment and belonging are key components of personal development and future success.

Financial Support for Families

Since November 2023, Brookhurst Primary School has adopted a policy of contributing 50% towards the costs of school trips, wraparound care, and extra-curricular activities for pupils eligible for Pupil Premium.

Requests for this support should be made confidentially via the school office.

In exceptional circumstances, the school may provide fuller financial support. Decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis, taking into account:

- The specific needs of the child
- The educational value of the provision
- The family's circumstances
- Available funding

All applications are treated sensitively and confidentially.

For further discussion, parents and carers may contact the teacher responsible for Pupil Premium, via the school office.

Monitoring, Evaluation and Impact

The impact of Pupil Premium spending is reviewed termly by senior leaders. Monitoring includes:

- Progress and attainment data analysis
- Attendance and behaviour tracking
- Participation rates in enrichment activities
- Pupil voice
- Work scrutiny and lesson visits

Findings inform future allocation decisions to ensure funding is used effectively and responsively.

An annual Pupil Premium Strategy Statement is published on the school website in line with statutory requirements, detailing intended spend, rationale and impact evaluation.

Governors receive regular updates and hold leaders to account for the progress and outcomes of disadvantaged pupils.

Appeals

Appeals relating to spending decisions in the above categories should be made in writing to the Headteacher at gunchalar@brookhurstprimary.com .

All appeals will be considered promptly and fairly.

Review

This policy is reviewed annually by senior leaders and governors to ensure continued compliance with statutory requirements and alignment with school priorities. It may be amended in response to updated national guidance.