



## Cherry Oak School Pupil Premium Academic Year 2013/14

### Information for Parents

The Pupil Premium for the academic year 2013/2014 has been allocated to Local Authorities for pupils on role that are known to be eligible for free school meals (FSM) at any time in the last six years. The funding amounted to £46,513.

Schools have been given the freedom to spend pupil premium in a way that they think will best to support raising of attainment of the most vulnerable pupils.

Our policy for Pupil Premium can be found in Policies on the website.

Cherry Oak School has focused on encouraging parents to register their child as eligible for FSM in order to receive maximum Pupil Premium entitlement.

The Pupil Premium payment is held in a separate cost centre so that we can track the spending. Use of Pupil Premium is reported to the Governing Body and is a standing agenda item at Federation Leadership meetings.

The Federation Leadership team discussed the best use of Pupil Premium allocation and the following initiatives were decided to support outcomes for vulnerable pupils and to impact on teaching and learning and achievement at Cherry Oak.

- To improve support for families through the appointment of a part-time Family Worker
- Provision of resources to use with pupils
- Communication through drama workshops with Richard Hayhow from The Open Theatre Company
- An additional Teaching Assistant to support throughout Key Stage 1 and 2.
- Outdoor Learning provision improved through the purchase of all weather outfits to protect pupils during their sessions
- Contribution to the cost of transporting pupils to enrichment activities on school minibuses

The impact of these initiatives has been

- Improved support for families across the school through the provision of the Family Worker, during 2013/14, she was able to offer support to families through the signposting to other services, attendance at meetings such as CAF, support with completing paperwork, support with improving attendance, as well as offering practical advice. She has worked with more than 50% of the families of pupils eligible for Pupil Premium during the course of the year.

Pupil Resources have been purchased to improve the provision for pupils, we have introduced MACPAC (Music and Communication) resources for all classes to provide additional sensory and positive interaction experience for all pupils but in particular those who are operating at sensory levels. These sessions have contributed to the achievement of 88% of communication targets across the school

Provision of allweather clothing for pupils has enabled us to improve the use of our Outdoor classroom as pupils now have good quality wet weather clothing to protect them from cold and damp so that we can utilise the outdoor classroom more effectively particularly during winter months as a result the Backland area has been timetabled and is in use on a daily basis throughout the year.

The Open theatre with Richard Hayhow have worked with pupils during the year to provide communication through drama sessions for pupils, the impact of this work has seen the level of engagement and contribution of pupils increase contributing to our 88% rate for of pupils achieving their communication targets this year across the school.

An additional teaching assistant has supported the provision of small differentiated teaching groups with higher staff to pupil ratios. This has contributed to the achievement of pupil targets for English and Maths in key stages 1and 2 where 89% of pupils eligible for pupil premium met their targets. Pupils have also been supported in successfully meeting very personal targets aimed at enhancing their personal progress for example with toilet training and with self help skills such as making independent choices and work around improving eating and feeding.

Pupil Premium has also been used to support the transport costs of taking pupils to enrichment activites which they undertake during the school year, these include; sporting activities such as golf, swimming, donkey riding and soft play sessions as well as other curriculum visits and activities where our school minibuses are used.