

## Waverley School

### Pupil Premium Rationale Statement- All-Through (Key Stages 1-4)

#### What is pupil premium funding and how it is spent in school in every key stage?

The Pupil Premium is an additional source of funding provided to schools in Key Stages 1, 2, 3 and 4 to support the raising of achievement for deprived (disadvantaged) children, a group recognised nationally as vulnerable to underperformance at school. The money is calculated by and given to schools by the government. The government hopes this additional funding will increase social mobility; enabling more pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds to progress as well as their non-disadvantaged peers, and ultimately reduce the national attainment gap between those who are disadvantaged and those that are not. The government allows all schools nationally to identify strategies they can implement in their schools to raise the attainment and progress of their disadvantaged pupils. Schools are free to spend the money in the best way they see fit. However, all schools are held accountable for how they have used the funding and for the impact their chosen strategies have had on the outcomes of the disadvantaged pupils in each cohort. Schools are held to account by the governing body, external reviews and the government league tables.

The funding is calculated by measuring:

- Pupils eligible for Free School Meals (FSM)
- Pupils that have ever been registered as FSM in the last 6 years (Ever 6)

The research to date suggests that schools can make a significant difference to the achievement of disadvantaged pupils through the appropriate deployment of the funding. At Waverley School we are committed to ensuring that all pupils make good progress regardless of their starting point and background. We strive to ensure that the deployment of funding across all key stages supports pupil progress and achievement both academically and pastorally. Success in both of these outcomes will better prepare our pupils to lead a fulfilling life when they leave us. Our pupil premium strategy is guided by this philosophy.

Although the school does not receive targeted government pupil premium funding for the Early Years Foundation Stage (Reception) or Sixth Form year groups (Years 12 and 13), we support the progress and achievement of these year groups through our main devolved funding pot and carry out a range of interventions to support disadvantaged pupils in these year groups.

When considering the most effective strategies to use in school the main barriers, which are listed below, have been taken into consideration.

- Lower attendance
- Lower levels of parental engagement
- Fewer resources and support for home learning
- Inconsistent pastoral standards
- Lower aspirations
- Lower levels of extracurricular involvement
- The need to accelerate progress due to suppressed phase or/and school entry starting points

***Please click on the links to read our all-through pupil premium (primary and secondary phases) plan 2020-21 and the spending review for 2019-20***