



Pupil Premium Grant (PPG)

What is the Pupil Premium Grant (PPG)?

The pupil premium is allocated to local authorities and schools with pupils that are known to be eligible for free school meals (FSM) as recorded on the January School Census. Funding is also available to children in care (who have been looked after continuously for at least six months) and to children whose parents are in the Armed Forces.

The Government believes that the Pupil Premium, which is additional to main school funding, is the best way to address the current underlying inequalities between children eligible for free school meals (FSM) and their wealthier peers by ensuring that funding to tackle disadvantage reaches the pupils who need it most. The Department for Education urges schools and local authorities to encourage parents to register their child as eligible for FSM so that each school receives their maximum Pupil Premium entitlement.

Pupil Premium 2015/16

The allocation for 2015/16 was £120,120.

The sum was allocated on the basis of 93 students (56%) across the school making up the entitlement for Pupil Premium. Of these 13 were looked after children. Bamburgh had no children with parents in the Armed Forces.

In this school year there were no students accessing alternative provision off site, so no Pupil Premium money has been allocated for that purpose. Some new spending may occur.

Pupil Premium spending decisions accounting for the majority of this allocation is detailed below.



Table of Expenditure

Occupational Therapist	£19,200
Purchase of Big Maths and Little Big Maths schemes.	£738
Read Write Inc	£3,500
Forest School (Accreditation & setup)	£11,692
Additional staffing for reading intervention	£35,000
Additional staffing for Maths Interventions	£448
Additional clerical support to facilitate minuting/report writing.	£4,860
Allotment Life Skills resources	£2,000
Counselling	£5907.00
LAC Liaison Officer	£5274.00
Additional Ed Psych buy in	£1,293
Renaissance Licence Renewal/Additions plus additional resources	£698.00
Bookmark Rewards Scheme	£126.00
	£90,736.00

Some of our funding was also spent on subsidising visits outside of school, including transport to our residential at Thurston.



Impact

The introduction of our in-house Occupational Therapy has provided a means to support our students with their social and emotional development in an environment in which they feel safe. We have the ability for immediate access to the therapy on an individual needs basis. Individualised therapy and classroom based assessments are taking place throughout the whole school setting.

Counselling and the use of Educational Psychology services have also enabled support to students to improve emotional resilience. This included working with students during the GCSE exam season.

The ongoing use of Big Maths and Little Big Maths means a more systematic approach to numeracy.

Literacy interventions are now well-established. Intervention can be more closely linked to pupil attainment, ability and need. Renewal of the Renaissance licence has enabled the continued regular review of reading ability.

The funding has enabled one member of teaching staff to undergo Forest School Leader accreditation. The site has been developed with the major hard landscaping project completed providing a permanent path that provides access to all of our students. The introduction of some outside learning within key stage 2 is underway. At key stage 3 and 4 the outdoor learning opportunities in the allotment **have** led to closer links with the local community. Life Skills students are able to access enterprise opportunities; making and selling items to fund their allotment project.