

Pupil Premium is allocated to schools based on the number of children who are currently known to be eligible for Free School Meals and children who have been looked after in local authority care continuously for more than six months.

As an Independent School, Acorn School does not directly attract these payments and the Local Authority retains responsibility for allocating the premium and in deciding what provision should be made for the pupil. In all cases the young person's Statement of Educational Needs and their Personal Education Plan will have a direct correlation on how resources will be provided for the individual to help them achieve their potential. The normal context for the discussion of how best to allocate the PPG will be the PEP meeting.

The main focus of our work through the pupil premium will be aimed at accelerating progress, moving children to at least age related expectations. Initially, this will be in Literacy and Numeracy. Pupil Premium can be used to assist pupils in different ways, including;

- **Providing small group work with an experienced teacher or TA focussed on overcoming gaps in learning.**
- **1:1 support and tuition.**
- **Accessing confidence building activities in order to raise self-esteem.**
- **Additional teaching and learning opportunities provided through trained TA's or external agencies**
- **Acquiring effective materials aimed at raising standards, particularly in reading and mathematics.**
- **Providing enrichment activities or experiences for pupils who show a particular aptitude or interest in an aspect of education that they would not otherwise be able to access.**

Item/ Product	Cost	Objective/ Description of Activity	Intended Impact	Outcome
1:1 home tuition and support	£90 x 9 = £810	1:1 mentoring and tuition in the home as part of a home education timetable for 4/5 weeks	To maintain educational progress and engagement during periods of therapy and intervention	Improved attendance and significant improvement of behaviour during periods of transition.
Educational trips/ Self Esteem and team building activities	£600	Small group activities which will boost self- esteem and help overcome social cognition difficulties	To help increase social cognition and to build positive relationships with others in a small group setting.	Weekly group activities, all joining in and treating each other with respect. Students working hard to gain their rewards. ASDAN modules completed by all in the group
1:1 literacy support and comprehension activities/ resources/ E Reader	£450	1:1 support due to difficulties inferring info from texts. Comprehension intervention and activities, e-reader activities	Improved comprehension and consolidation at level 3	Student now working at Level 4.
1:1 support / bespoke timetable	£400	1:1 support in lessons in order to help student remain focussed	Fill gaps in mathematical knowledge and raise reading to level 4	Student was able to remain focussed in most morning lessons with support.
1:1 tuition for GCSE Maths and Functional skills English	£800	1:1 maths and English tuition	Student to achieve a C grade in Maths GCSE.	C grade achieved in Maths and Functional Skills Level 1 passed.