

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.**