**COVID-19 Update for Pupil Premium 2019 - 2020**

Due to the changes to educational provision caused by the COVID-19 pandemic the detail in this Pupil Premium strategy has been subject to review since April 2020. Our use of the funding has been adapted to meet students’ needs as they have arisen, whilst maintaining where possible the principles outlined in this document, and in others related to the PPG.

During the pandemic the following key steps have been taken to ensure that ‘disadvantaged’ pupils’ barriers to learning will continue to be overcome wherever possible:

* Offers of places in school to all disadvantaged children
* Where offers have not been taken place, regular communication between home and school to offer continued educational and pastoral support
* Home visits (following C-19 guidance), food parcels and support
* Telephone conversations with staff members
* EdenRed vouchers for FSM
* A hot meal for the whole family
* Planning for additional resources for children to undertake at home
* Relax kids via zoom
* ELSA trained staff working with disadvantaged children’s bubbles
* Additional training for PSHE wellbeing
* Creation of the ‘time to shine’ curriculum including resources
* Purchasing resources such as mathletics and reading eggs
* Letterbox resources sent home
* Some resources have not been able to be used at home but the invoices have still had to be paid such as music provision and third space.

Future versions of the strategy will reflect the changes that are currently being made.

School leaders with responsibility for administering the PPG have drawn on these helpful publications from the Children’s Commissioner and the Education Endowment Foundation:

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/cco-tackling-the-disadvantage-gap-during-the-covid-19-crisis.pdf>

<https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/covid-19-resources/best-evidence-on-impact-of-school-closures-on-the-attainment-gap/>

They will continue to follow guidance and advice from relevant bodies as it emerges, in consultation with other stakeholders.

**Pupil Premium**

Pupil Premium funding is additional funding given to schools to support pupils who are eligible.  There are a variety of reasons why your child may be entitled to this funding which includes:

* If they are on Free School Meals or have been at any point in the last 6 years
* If they are a Looked After Child (in the care of the Local Authority)
* If they have previously been a Looked After Child and are now adopted from care or are under a Special Guardianship Order or a Child Arrangements Order or a Residence Order
* If they have a parent in the military or has been in the military over the past 5 years or are in receipt of a child pension from the Ministry of Defence

**Pupil Premium at Longton Primary**

We are passionate about ensuring that our Pupil Premium Pupils are well supported through a range of targeted strategies which are reviewed regularly by Senior Leaders and Governors.  Strategies are evidenced based and our school leaders take into account national research as well as reviewing approaches that have been used in school to determine whether they have been effective for our children or not.

**Pupil Premium Champions**

Mrs Woolley (Assistant teacher and Pupil Premium Champion)

Mr Neil Scalan (Pupil Premium Governor and Chair of Governors)

Mrs Sue Hothersall (SENCo)

Mrs Julie Brown (Headteacher)