

## Lower Farm Primary Pupil Premium Grant 2014-2015

At Lower Farm Primary School approximately 17% of our pupils are eligible for Free School Meals. This has increased by 8% over the past three years.

The Government provides additional funding to schools to support such children with the Pupil Premium Grant. This equates to around £1,300 per eligible pupil.

The Pupil Premium Grant for 2014/15 is approximately £84,500.

## How is the PPG spent at Lower Farm?

### Supporting Teaching & Learning

- Extra teaching assistant and teacher support has been implemented in across the whole school. This has reduced the adult pupil ratio and has paved the way for effective interventions e.g. 1:1 support and booster groups.
- Our SENCO is supporting writing in Y4 and Y6 in order to narrow the gap for both SEN and FSM pupils.
- The school now employs a full Care, Guidance & Support Manager who supports families with a range of needs. Lateness and attendance are monitored and strategies put in place to improve pupil punctuality and attendance thus enhancing their readiness to learn. Social and emotional support is also provided for pupils in need through 1:1 counselling and group work around a variety of issues. This enables development of the whole child which impacts positively on academic achievement.

### Supporting Extra Curricular Learning

- Residential visits are very popular with our pupils. They are particularly effective at encouraging independence through experiencing other cultures and a range of outward bound activities. Governors recognise that these enrichment opportunities are especially important to our most vulnerable pupils. Therefore, Governors have sanctioned a subsidy for the costs of eligible pupils to attend such visits as required.
- Before & After School Club provision provides a valuable resource for many of our families. PPG is used to enable our most disadvantaged pupils to access this club at a discounted rate if required. Children have a positive social start and end to their school day enabling a good attitude for learning.
- Walsall Children's University – the school subscribes to the Children's University. Extra curricular activities are accredited ensuring quality provision and the children's progress is celebrated through regular graduation ceremonies. This scheme encourages a range of skills and a love of learning. PPG is used to support this initiative.

### Measuring Impact

- The school tracks the progress of all children and pays particular attention to our most vulnerable children. The Headteacher meets half termly with the Pupil Premium Link Governor to report actions and resulting impact. Any necessary amendments to the provision are discussed and implemented.
- Attainment levels of FSM and non FSM gaps are closely monitored to ensure FSM pupils achieve in line with their peers. There are no significant gaps between FSM/ non FSM pupils in Key Stage One in reading, writing and maths due to the early interventions provided by PP spend since January 2012. For example, the Reception Literacy Programme allowed FSM pupils to enter Y1 in line with non FSM pupils in Reading and Writing. In Key

Stage 2 any significant gaps in reading, writing and maths are narrowing due to the PP spend.

- The number of children eligible for Free School Meals has increased from 9% to 17% over the past 3 years, however school performance indicators remain high, and often significantly above the national average. The school intends to continue to monitor the impact of the allocation of all its resources, including PPG, to ensure all children achieve their personal best and have a range of fulfilling opportunities at Lower Farm Primary School.