

At Gomer Infant School we have high expectations of achievement for all our children. We constantly seek to provide a safe, nurturing, happy environment in which **all** children can shine. 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 and their peers by ensuring that funding reaches the pupils who need it most.

It is for schools to decide how the Pupil Premium is spent, since they are best placed to assess what additional provision should be made for the individual pupils within their responsibility. However they will be held accountable for how they have used the additional funding to support pupils. The Pupil Premium is allocated to children from low income families who are currently known to be eligible for free school meals (FSM), or have been in the last six years and children who have been looked after by the Local Authority. There is also a Pupil Premium for children whose parents are currently, or have recently served, in the Armed Forces.

From September 2016, schools are required to publish a Pupil Premium Strategy. This will ensure that parents are fully informed about the amount of allocation, barriers faced by eligible pupils, how the funding is to be spent, how impact will be measured and the date the strategy will be reviewed. We also need to include how the allocation was spent for the previous year and its impact on eligible and other pupils. Our key objective in using the Pupil Premium Grant is to diminish the differences between pupil groups. As a school we consistently track all groups of pupils to ensure that they make good or better progress. Through targeted interventions we are working to eliminate barriers to learning and progress. For new entrants that start with low attainment on entry, our aim is to ensure that they make accelerated progress in order to reach age related expectations as they move through the school. Once at age related expectations we always continue to extend that learning further to ensure that they reach higher levels of attainment. We closely monitor how we are spending the allocated funds to ensure they are having an impact on children's achievement and well-being.



Gomer Infant School PUPIL PREMIUM STRATEGY 2017-18

Amount of Pupil Premium funding received 2017-18

Academic Year	2017/18	PP Budget	£27,240 (£3,900 of which is Service Children PP)	Date of Review	October 2017
TOTAL No of Pupils	180	No of pupils eligible for PP	33	Date of next review	June 2018

Current Attainment

Whole School Attainment 2016/17	Pupils eligible for PP (13 children)	Pupils not eligible for PP (National Average)
% achieving expected standard or above in reading	100%	79%
% achieving expected standard or above in writing	62%	72%
% achieving expected standard or above in maths	46%	77%
	Yr R Pupils eligible for PP(9 children)	Yr R Pupils not eligible for PP (National Average)
% achieving GLD at the end of Yr R	89%	71%



Identified barriers to educational achievement

Gomer Infant School has identified the following as barriers for some of the pupils currently in receipt of Pupil Premium:

- Access to a rich language environment.
- Low attainment on entry to school.
- Access to extra-curricular activities educational experiences such as trips, music lessons and participation in physical activities
- Attendance
- Parental engagement with school especially at information and curriculum workshops, reading with children and completion of homework
- Behaviour pupils with specific social and emotional needs which affect their learning
- Low self esteem and lack of resilience.
- Turmoil and instability within the home.
- Health, including mental health of adults within the home.
- Low income and financial difficulites.
- Emotional needs and anxieties during periods of transition and deployment, when parents work away from home for long periods.



Key expenditure – how the allocation will be spent

Area of Spend	Focus	Budget Allocation	Intended outcomes – why these approaches were taken
Every Child a Reader (ECaR) teacher for 1:1 intervention	Reading and writing	£8,500	 To improve learning outcomes in reading and writing (meeting end of year age-related objectives) To improve pupils confidence in reading and writing To consolidate learning completed in classes – giving time for practise and application of skills
TA led individual and group interventions for literacy and language.	Reading and writing	£5,600	 To improve learning outcomes in reading, writing and language (meeting end of year age-related objectives) To improved pupils confidence in reading and writing To consolidate learning completed in classes – giving time for practise and application of skills Pre-teaching to prepare pupils for future learning in order to build confidence and give higher level starting points to learning, particularly vocabulary and key concepts.
1st class@number – TA led group intervention for maths	Mathematics	£1,600	 To improve learning outcomes in maths (meeting end of year age-related objectives) To improve pupils confidence in maths To consolidate learning completed in classes – time for practise and application of skills Pre-teaching to prepare pupils for future learning in order to build confidence and give higher level starting points to learning, particularly mathematical vocabulary and key concepts.



Nurture and Social groups	Personal and social	£600	To provide dedicated time and support (1:1 and group) to help build pupils emotional development
			 To improve the self-esteem, social skills and behaviour of identified pupils leading to increased confidence and attainment in the classroom
Employment of a Home School Link Worker	Personal and social	£6,130	 To support families with a range of family issues such as behaviour, emotional needs and anxieties.
			 To support families in improving their child's attendance and punctuality.
Service Club	Personal and social	£360	 To provide dedicated time and support (1:1 and group) to support emotional needs and anxieties at times of transition and deployment.
Dad's Club	Personal and social	£650	 To increase the involvement of key male adults in school. To improve the well being of families and parent/child relationships.
Family Links Nurturing Parenting Group	Personal and social	£900	Evidence based, monitored and evaluated to improve parent / child relationships. To improve parental approximent.
Extra curricular clubs, school trips and school uniform	Personal and social	£2900	 To improve parental engagement To develop social skills through participation in a range of clubs provided by the school or external providers To broaden experiences and enjoyment of school. To celebrate talent, skills and efforts in non-academic subjects and develop self-confidence To ensure all pupils participate fully in school trips To develop social skills, independence, perseverance and team-work through participation in group activities



How will the school measure the impact of the Pupil Premium?

At Gomer Infant School we measure the impact of the Pupil Premium and the actions taken in the following ways:

- a cycle of data collection, monitoring and tracking of children's attainment this informs pupil progress and enables the early identification of need, support and appropriate intervention.
- the Inclusion Leader being actively involved in all Pupil Progress Meetings.
- regular attendance meetings to closely monitor attendance and lateness and actions planned where there are concerns
- feedback and evaluations from parents for any support groups run.
- Home School Link Worker annual report to Leadership team.
- pre and post assessments using standardised tests for any interventions run.
- screening tools to assess the impact of emotional support.
- Inclusion Leaders report for the Governing Body.