

Burwash CEP School's Pupil Premium Grant, its use and impact – 2017/18

Pupil Premium is a government grant which is allocated to schools based on the number of children eligible for free school meals and the number of looked after children. Schools are entitled to spend their allocated Pupil Premium Grant (PPG) in a way that they think will best support the raising of the attainment and achievement for these children.

At Burwash we are determined to give every child access to high quality teaching to enable them to reach their potential. For teachers to be able to give the most attention to the children in their care, we also believe that a high quality teaching assistant in every class is also essential. This combination of high quality teaching through a partnership in the classroom, has led to above National results for well over ten years at Burwash; a trend we wish to continue. Cuts in the school budget have meant that it is increasingly difficult to be able to guarantee a teacher and a teaching assistant (TA) in every class, so with this in mind we have committed to spend a large proportion of our pupil premium funding to ensure that this successful partnership can continue to the benefit of all children in the school.

Additionally the PPG is used to remove any barriers to learning which may exist; such barriers may include specific special educational needs, the ability to access and pay for extra opportunities such as trips or music lessons, emotional difficulties, the ability to pay for healthy food such as milk. We feel it is important that all pupils should be able to take part in all experiences that the school offers, regardless of their home circumstances. With this in mind some PPG is used to subsidise residential trips and other experiences (see breakdown below). No child is ever excluded from any experience because they cannot pay and the PPG helps to ensure we can afford to continue this philosophy.

In the financial year (April-April) 2015/16 the school was allocated £25,380 and in 2016/17 the school was allocated £19,060 each pupil who is currently eligible (or has been eligible in the last 6 years) for free school meals (FSM) is allocated £1320. Looked after children are each allocated £1900. At Burwash there tend to be a few children in every year group who attract the PPG.

For the Year 2017/18, the sum allocated is £30,200. The money we have been allocated will be used to provide for the following:

<u>Spent on</u>	<u>Aim</u>	<u>Approximate Costs</u>
Funding for one full time Teaching assistant- this will ensure that every class has a TA in place for four mornings a week and for some afternoons.	To help children reach their full potential in Maths and English through high quality teaching. To close any gaps in previous learning.	
Payment for 0.5 hours a day to allow SEND(Special Educational Needs and Disability) TA time to spend planning and feeding back to teachers about work with children who have SEND	To ensure feedback between SEND TA and teachers so that progress can be built upon effectively	£18,180

Funding places on residential school trips	To enhance the curriculum, ensuring that all children are able to participate in all activities without undue hardship to the family giving children the opportunity to experience new social, educational and challenging activities.	£500
To pay for the "bikeability" course and first aid training(Year 6)	To enrich the curriculum, giving children essential life skills.	£100
Educational Psychology service	To ensure that children who need the support of this service can have access to it.	£2000
Speechlink	To correctly identify any speech and language difficulties which then allows appropriate interventions to be put in place where required.	£100
Purchasing early reading books from a wide range of reading schemes	To broaden the range of books available to lower ability readers so that children do not become bored and so that we help to foster a love of reading.	£1000
To provide nurture sessions once a week	To support children in small groups who are experiencing social and emotional difficulties that have an impact on children's ability to reach their academic potential.	£610
To provide additional TA support for children in the afternoons to cover events such as booster classes	To allow for small group teaching to focus on particular areas of difficulty in Maths and English	£1100
Provision of music lessons with East Sussex Music service	To ensure that all pupils can access musical opportunities to widen their opportunities whatever their home circumstances	£130
Daily milk provision	To ensure all children can have milk as part of their diet whilst at school whatever their home circumstances	£130
In addition we try to keep a contingency fund to allow us to fund unexpected costs such as- additional sessions from the educational psychology service, specific resources for a child in need, teacher training, help with day trips and so on.		

The money continues to be well spent and is having a sustained impact on attainment and achievement. The impact of pupil premium is considered formally through the monitoring of assessment data. It is also considered during pupil progress meetings that take place three times a year. End of KS2 data for 2017 is shown below:

KS2 SATs data

Subject	School Attainment	Attainment of children in receipt of PPG at Burwash	East Sussex Attainment	National attainment	Attainment of children in receipt of PPG in East Sussex
Reading	83	100	71	71	56
Grammar	61	50	71	77	56
Maths	78	100	70	75	57
Writing	87	100	75	76	62
Reading, Writing and Maths combined (RWM)	78	100	57	61	41

The pupils attracting PPG in 2017 did exceptionally well with every child attaining Reading, Writing and Maths at the expected level or higher. This score is well above National and East Sussex attainment both for children attracting PPG and children not attracting PPG. However we are well aware that with small numbers such data should be viewed with caution.

2016 SATs Data

% of children reaching the expected standard

Subject	School	East Sussex	Children in receipt of PPG at Burwash	National	Children in receipt of PPG Nationally
Reading, Writing, Maths combined(RWM)	68	52	67	54	39
Reading	73	66	67	67	53
Writing	96	74	67	75	64
Maths	86	66	67	70	58
Grammar	82	67	67	73	61

The attainment of pupils entitled to PPG funding was well above National PPG data and in line with data relating to all children nationally. However all PPG data at Burwash is based on very small numbers of children which means it should be viewed with caution as it is not statistically viable.

If your child does not have FSM but may be eligible because of your family's income level, please contact the office (in confidence) to register them. Even if you do not wish them to have the meals, this would mean the school could still claim Pupil Premium funding that would be used to help your child. In addition to this children in KS1 who receive FSM whatever their circumstances can still be eligible for pupil premium funding.

Please note: No child is singled out for receiving PPG and the children are totally unaware of who receives this additional funding.