

## **Pupil Premium Expenditure 2015-2016**

The allocation of pupil premium funding amounted to **£26,560** for the academic year 2015 – 2016

In line with previous years' allocations, this funding enabled the school to provide additional support for those children who are in receipt of Free School Meals; are Looked After; are from families in the Armed Services or who are considered by the school to be in need of additional help.

As in previous years, support continues to be provided through intensive and short term 1 to 1 and small group programmes such as, Rapid Reading and Toe by Toe, as well as whole class support strategies. Interventions have included more intensive literacy and numeracy Teaching Assistant support in the classroom, social skills groups, and fine and gross motor skills groups; speech therapy and mentoring. Where necessary, elements of the funding have supported families of pupil premium children who are hard pressed financially to enable the children to attend breakfast club or to support their participation in educational visits.

A small element of the funding continues to contribute to the cost of the ongoing training and professional development of the support staff in relation to the work they carry out with pupil premium children.

### **Impact**

The Deputy Head Teacher monitors the progress of all vulnerable groups closely and the progress of individual pupils is discussed with members of staff at the termly Pupil Progress Meetings (PPMs) and at Senior Leadership (SLT) team meetings.

The Deputy Head Teacher and the Head Teacher review the progress of the intervention groups and monitor the quality of the work of the Support Team which meet six times a year with them both to consider deployment and pupil progress issues.

The children who benefitted from this support not only made progress in line with the other children in the school, but improved greatly in terms of their confidence as learners and their willingness to challenge themselves to do even better.