The pupil premium is additional funding allocated to schools to support specific groups of children who are vulnerable to possible underachievement. These include pupils who are entitled to free school meals (FSM) now, or who have been entitled in the previous 6 years. The funding is also to meet the needs of children looked after by the local authority, children recently adopted from care and the children of armed services personnel. The intended impact of the funding is to accelerate progress and raise attainment.

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.

Principles

At Messing Primary School:

- We ensure that teaching and learning opportunities meet the needs of all of the pupils.
- We ensure that appropriate provision is made for pupils who belong to vulnerable groups, this includes ensuring that the needs of socially disadvantaged pupils are adequately assessed and addressed.
- We also recognise that not all pupils who are socially disadvantaged are registered or qualify for free school meals.
- Pupil premium funding will be allocated following a needs analysis which will identify priority classes, groups or individuals.

The pupil premium grant strategy statement can be found on the school website and details how we intend to support pupils as well as the impact of strategies and approaches used. Further information can be found at:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pupil-premium/pupil-premium