

## **Pupil Premium Impact Statement 2015/16**

### **Pupil Premium Spending**

In 2015/16 443 pupils were entitled to free school meals (FSM) or Ever 6. This attracted a sum of £454,000. This meant that 56.8% of the school population were eligible for PP funding.

### **Our Priorities:**

#### **Improving Attainment of PP pupils**

A senior member of staff and another colleague were identified as champions for PP pupils and their remit was to support colleagues in order to boost the performance of the PP pupils. Additional staff have been appointed to support performance in English and Maths and also transition. They provide small group work, one to one support, additional resources, workshops and extra-curricular support.

Cost: £173,213

### **Impact**

In English there had been a significant closing of the gap between non PP pupils and PP students. In particular, the gap between non PP and PP students achieving 3 levels of progress as decreased quite significantly over the previous last three years. In 2012/13 the gap was 21%. In 2013/14 the gap was 17% and the gap in 2014/15 fell to 11.6. However, in 2015/16 the gap has increased to 35.4%

The gap in 2012/13 for pupils gaining C+ in English was 37%. In 2013/14 the gap was reduced to 20% In 2014/15 although the gap increased compared to the year previous, it also showed that there was an 11% increase in the number of PP pupils achieving C+ in English from the previous year.

In Maths the picture is of a slower rate of narrowing of the gap. However the gap is narrowing. In 2012/13 the gap was 29% and in 2013/14 the gap had reduced to 23% In 2014/15 the gap was 23.7%

The gap in 2012/13 for pupils gaining C+ was 33%. In 2013/14 the gap was 25%. In 2014/15 the gap was 31.7%

In the areas where the gap has not narrowed, those curriculum areas will be targeted this year.

In lower school there was a significant acceleration for all students

#### **Improving Behaviour and Boosting Attendance**

Attendance staff and Learning Mentors were directed to support PP students and to help students to settle into school life, removing barriers to learning. They provide such activities such as Relax Kids, One to One mentoring and family support.

In addition, some students access vocational opportunities through alternative providers to help them to be successful in a bespoke curriculum.

Cost: 198,310

### **Impact**

In 2012/13, the gap between PP and non PP pupils attending for 95%+ was 19%. This value fell to 18% in 2013/14. However there was a significant increase in the school population in 2013/14 as 252 pupils joined Knowsley Park. This increase in numbers had a significant impact on attendance and resources. In 2014/15 the gap was 6.6% which is a significant reduction in the gap between Non PP and PP students.

Exclusions were also reduced through focused work by the pastoral team. This can be seen if we compare the data from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014 to 25<sup>th</sup> November 2014 and the same period in 2015. From 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014 to 25<sup>th</sup> November 2014 45 pupils were excluded and 33 of them were PP. During the same period in 2015 18 pupils were excluded, 13 of them were PP pupils.

The school purchased Accelerated Reader with a grant from the LA which supported KS2-3 development and we have used PP funding to extend this in our school and also to promote E>R>I.C. boxes to boost literacy levels and ensure that all students are working towards being independent readers, as this has such a marked impact on outcomes for young people. Staff have been trained by the Lead Practitioner English/Literacy and have produced additional resources and subject specific literacy activities to boost literacy across the school.

Lexia has also been purchased and is being used to support year 7 and 8 pupils.

Cost: £5880

### **Impact**

Please see attached report as this is a major focus for the whole school alongside PP pupils.

### **Equalising Opportunities**

In order to equalise opportunities and support pupils to enable them to access other activities we have provided a range of trips and projects to support their learning and to help them to be active members of the school community.

Cost: £56,218

### **Impact**

The number of pupils taking part in additional activities and accessing support has risen, this is a long term goal and as yet the impact cannot be defined.