How much Pupil Premium did we receive this year?

The rate of Pupil Premium funding for 2013 - 2014 was £900 per eligible student. Children of parents in the armed services are also entitled to £300 Pupil Premium. The Swanage School received £27,924 for the 2013-14 academic year, with 31% of students eligible for Pupil Premium at the January 2014 census.

How are we spending our Pupil Premium?

At The Swanage School we believe that raising self-esteem is as important as direct assistance with numeracy and literacy. A happy, confident student, wearing their uniform with pride and able to participate fully in the life of the school, stands a greater chance of high academic attainment.

To support this approach we spent our 2013-14 allocation on:

 Providing additional support through 1:1 and small group learning in literacy and maths to assist those students in need of additional support and funding for one part-time learning support assistant 	£22,900
 Subsidising uniform (70% discount), enabling all students to dress smartly for school Subsidising small-group instrument lessons (70% discount) enabling all students to learn to play a musical instrument Subsidising educational trips, visits and activities for students currently registered for Free School Meals, enabling all students to participate in all activities 	£4,200
Extraordinary items for individual students which make school or home learning easier – for example, a head torch was purchased to enable a student to read in bed before going to sleep	£500

How will we measure the impact of Pupil Premium on our students?

At The Swanage School we monitor the progress of each student and compile a report for our Governing Body every half term. We use this data to identify groups of students and to compare each group with the national, local and school averages. We expect to see the same high levels of progress in all students, regardless of whether they are eligible for Pupil Premium.