

How much Pupil Premium did we receive this year?

The rate of Pupil Premium funding for 2014 - 2015 is £935 per eligible student. Children of parents in the armed services are entitled to £300 Pupil Premium and children looked after by the Local Authority or adopted from care are eligible for £1,900 Pupil Premium. The Swanage School received £58,052 for the 2014-15 academic year, with 35% of students eligible for Pupil Premium.

How are we spending our Pupil Premium?

We spent our 2014-15 allocation on the items below. If you would like more information on these approaches and their effectiveness, please follow the links to the Education Endowment Foundation website.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Running a Homework Club every day after school, where students are able to use the school's facilities and are supported by a teaching assistant. The Education Endowment Foundation's toolkit supports our view that homework has a consistently positive impact for secondary school students. Employing extra teaching staff to enable teaching of mathematics in smaller class sizes, which has a very positive impact on learning when the teaching groups are as small as ours. Providing additional support through small group learning and 1:1 tuition in literacy and maths to assist those students in need of additional support. Using and sharing teaching strategies for meta-cognition and self-regulation, effective feedback and peer tutoring. Examples of these approaches include our Inspiration Station, our three pronged approach of teacher assessment, peer assessment and self-assessment, our Big Brother and Big Sister mentor network, and the inter-year and inter-school peer coaching activities undertaken by our students. These approaches are highly effective. 	<p>£53,200</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. Our programme of Project Based Learning, Challenge Days and school trips and visits provide opportunities for our students to participate in outdoor adventure learning, and arts participation and often involve collaborative learning. The Education Endowment Foundation has found that these types of activities have a positive impact on students' attitude to learning and self-confidence as well as on academic attainment. 	<p>£4,800</p>

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.