

Pupil Premium Spending 2018-19

Pupil Premium is paid to schools at a rate of £935 per student for all students in years 7-11 who are either currently eligible or have been eligible at any point in the past six years for free school meals. The money is intended to be used by schools to bridge the attainment and achievement gap between the poorest members of society, as measured by free school meals eligibility, and other members of the school community who typically achieve at a higher level. We use the funding to try to lessen or eliminate these barriers to learning, increase access to the appropriate curricula and raise the attainment levels of all students.

Queen's Croft High School was paid £60000 in financial year 2018-19 as Pupil Premium. This does not include money paid as pupil premium plus – this is paid to schools in respect of individuals who are in the care system (for whom £1500 per annum is available, after £800 is kept by the local Virtual School for Looked After Children) or who have been adopted from care (for whom the full £2300 per annum is paid to schools).

An important principle underpinning the mission of Queen's Croft High School is the notion that all children should be included in all educational activities where at all possible. Children for whom the school is paid pupil premium have school trips subsidised to a high degree. This includes the residential trips that are open to all school years. Additionally, where possible, children who qualify for pupil premium can access the school's annual ski trip at either reduced cost or no cost.

Pupil Premium money in 2018-19 was spent in a variety of ways:

Resource	Approximate Spend	Impact Measure
Nurture Group	£25,000	The nurture group was established to support students who struggle with classes in the main body of the school – for whatever reason – and to help those whose behaviour might otherwise result in a fixed term or permanent exclusion. It supports a disproportionately large number of students who attract pupil premium funding. It is an expensive provision to run and pupil premium funding makes it more feasible. In the academic year 2018-19 there were three fixed term exclusions as opposed to over 30 in academic year 2017-18.
Enhanced Information and Communication Technology Provision	£10,000	Pupil Premium money has contributed to a significant upgrade in the ICT provision at the school with new servers and software systems installed to improve the overall educational experience.
Minibus	£6000	One of the school's two minibuses is funded from Pupil Premium funding. This allows students across the school to access a range of opportunities that would not otherwise be in place.

Anger Management and Counselling	£4000	The school allocates two members of staff to offer anger management and counselling services in order to support students who are specifically struggling with various aspects of schooling and wider life. Students who attract Pupil Premium funding are prioritised for this service.
Attendance Monitoring	£4000	Key staff contact home daily if a child is absent from school and seek to remove any barriers that become apparent. This has a positive impact on children's attendance as parents and children know they will be contacted if there is a failure to attend.
Complex Needs Trips	£1000	Children in complex needs groups have a range of visits and activities organised specifically for them. This includes visits to Conkers, SNAP, swimming and a range of cafes locally. These visits have a powerful impact on supporting the emotional and social development of this group of young people.
Curriculum Trips	£2000	Trips out of school are a regular part of the curriculum at Queen's Croft. They include visits to the theatre, museums, parks and other places of interest. Those for whom the school is paid pupil premium have their trips subsidised.
Residential Visits	£5000	A number of residential trips took place through the year: Year 7 – Beaudesert (overnight) Year 8 – Lea Green (2 nights) Year 9 – Standon Bowers (4 nights) Year 11 – London (overnight) Post 16 – Ashbourne (4 nights) All these trips had a significant impact on the personal and emotional development of the young people who took part and offered an important opportunity to develop independence and life skills. Pupil Premium funding enabled the school to subsidise these visits for those unable to pay the full amount.
Ski Trip	£2000	Each year a number of students are partially or fully funded through pupil premium to enable them to take part in the school ski trip. This offers great opportunities to develop their emotional, social and independence skills.
Breakfast	£1000	Breakfast is offered to all students in high needs classes and to some with a clear need for it every morning. This helps students to be more focused for learning through the day.

Total = £60,000

The school is expecting around £70,000 of Pupil Premium Funding in financial year 2019-20 and will allocate it in the following way:

- Nurture Group: £25,000
- Upgrading ICT equipment: £10,000
- Minibus Provision: £6000
- Anger Management and Counselling: £5000
- Child Psychology support: £2000
- Occupational Therapy provision: £3000
- Attendance Monitoring: £4000
- Complex Needs Trips: £1000
- Curriculum Trips: £2000
- Residential Trips: £5000
- Ski Trip: £2000
- Breakfast Provision: £1000

Total: £66,000

Unallocated: £4000