

## Priorities for 2019 – 2020

<b>1:1 Teaching Support</b>	To provide additional, personalised support to enable children to make accelerated progress, attain national standards and prepare them for the next stage of their education.
<b>Small Group English Teaching</b>	To enable small group work for English for both Years 5 and 6 in order to accelerate progress and enable children to attain national standards.
<b>Intervention</b>	To provide 1:1 or small group intervention for to ensure children are able to best access learning in English and Maths across all year groups alongside their peers.
<b>Pastoral Support</b>	To provide “nurture” support through, for example, the Pastoral Team, 1:1 Nurture support and our Thrive practitioners.
<b>Attendance</b>	To support our Attendance initiatives to ensure all children receive the maximum benefit possible from Alverton School by attending every day that they are able.
<b>Speech and Language Support</b>	To provide additional, focused, targeted speech and language support, developing communication skills and self-confidence.
<b>Breakfast Club</b>	To provide an opportunity for pupils to eat breakfast in school which is free for Pupil Premium pupils who may also attend pre-school clubs at no cost.
<b>Key Stage 2 Camps</b>	To enable Pupil Premium children to attend camp by covering half of the cost.
<b>Parental Choice</b>	To enable parents of Pupil Premium children to use £100 of their funding in the way that will be most useful (eg towards the cost of uniform, to pay for music lessons or to cover the cost of school trips) to enable their children to take part in all the opportunities available to them.



# Alverton Primary School

## Pupil Premium

### Parent Guide

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The Government believes that the Pupil Premium funding, which is additional to the main school funding, is the best way to address inequalities between children eligible for free school meals (FSM) and those children who are not. Pupil Premium Funding is used to tackle disadvantage in order to reach the pupils who need it most.

Schools are currently given Pupil Premium funding for those whose families who have registered for FSM. This includes any child who has been registered for FSM at any point during the past six years. The children of members of the armed forces are also entitled to this funding. Schools also receive funding for each pupil who has been looked after for one day or more, has been adopted from care or has left care under a special guardianship order, a residence order or a child arrangement order.

The money is given to schools to support them in enabling all pupils to reach or exceed the nationally expected level for their age. Each school may decide how best to use the funding and they are held accountable for how it has been used to support pupils from low income families.

Often parents are concerned that there is a stigma attached to being seen as a 'low income' family. At Alverton, all matters regarding free school meals and Pupil Premium are treated confidentially. The key purpose of our Pupil Premium funding is to enable all the pupils to reach their full potential. We work with our families and colleagues to make sure everyone involved with the child has high aspirations.

We recognise that barriers to achievement take a variety of forms and will do whatever it takes to support a child, both in and out of the classroom. We use our resources to ensure that every child has an equal opportunity to become an empowered learner. In order to achieve this we offer our children a wide range of opportunities which are accessible for everyone.

## Am I eligible?

Families must be in receipt of one of the benefits listed below to be eligible for Free School Meals / Pupil Premium (information correct as at April 2020 and taken from the Cornwall Council website):

- Income Support (IS)
- Job Seekers' Allowance (Income-Based) and equal based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA-IR) and equal based Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (CTC) with an annual income of less than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Guarantee Element of Pension Credit (GPC)
- Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (IAA) Support
- Universal Credit - Your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get) as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods

If you are claiming the benefits listed below you are NOT eligible for free school meals, regardless of what other benefits/credits are being claimed:

- Working Tax Credit
- Contribution-Based Job Seeker's Allowance and/or Contribution-Based Employment and Support Allowance

However, you will be temporarily eligible to claim free school meals if you receive a **Working Tax Credit run-on**, which is the payment you may receive for a further four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.

You can apply online at [www.cornwall.gov.uk/schoolmeals](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/schoolmeals) which can also provide you with more information.

**During the COVID-19 pandemic, schools will make arrangements for children eligible for Free School Meals as detailed above to receive free meals through food parcels or supermarket vouchers.**

*NB All Key Stage 1 (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) pupils are entitled to receive a free school meal as part of the Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) initiative, regardless of what benefits are being claimed. Whilst schools are closed to most pupils during the current Covid-19 pandemic, schools are not required to provide meals or vouchers to Key Stage 1 children who usually receive free meals under the Universal Infant Free School Meals scheme but are not currently attending school.*