

# Pupil Premium: Statement of Principles

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**Cambridge Meridian Academies Trust** (hereinafter known as CMAT)

The pupil premium is additional funding for publicly funded schools in England to raise the attainment of disadvantaged pupils of all abilities and to close the gaps between them and their peers.

The funding is allocated to schools for children up to Year 11, who:

- have registered for Free School Meals in the last six years, or
- are in care of the Local Authority, or
- have parents in the Armed Forces.

All academies in the Trust are allocated this additional funding, and each academy will determine how best to use this money, guided by our shared values and principles.

- We expect all of our children to achieve well and make good progress. Pupil Premium will be used to provide additional educational support to improve progress and attainment amongst those groups who are socially disadvantaged. The funding will be used to narrow the gap between the achievement of these students and that of their peers.
- Students are entitled to a broad and rich curriculum and schools across the Trust will provide opportunities for children to participate in activities to develop wider skills beyond the classroom.
- Pupil Premium funding will be allocated according to need and academies will identify which individuals and groups of students are a priority for additional support or intervention.
- An Academy will monitor the impact of the provision funded by Pupil Premium and ensure that the money is used to have a positive impact on the educational outcomes of disadvantaged students.
- An Academy will use Pupil Premium funding to ensure that students make progress, learn to the best of their ability and are given the tools to reach their aspirations. Limited funding and resources may mean that not all children receiving free school meals will be in receipt of interventions at one time.
- Children who are in the care of the Local Authority are provided with additional funding and this will be used to support the needs of these individual students.

This Statement of Principles will be supported by a local Pupil Premium Policy and a Statement which accounts for Pupil Premium spending within the Academy