**Pupil Premium at Lickey Hills Primary School and Nursery**

At LHPSN we have high aspirations and hopes for our children and we are determined to ensure that all children are given every chance to dream, believe and achieve.

**What is Pupil Premium Funding?**

The pupil premium is additional funding schools receive to support pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds. Research shows that disadvantaged pupils underachieve compared to their peers. Pupil premium is provided to enable these pupils to be supported to reach their potential. Pupils entitled to free school meals (FSM), looked after children (LAC/CLA) and service children are eligible to benefit from pupil premium so the government have provided a fixed amount of money for schools per pupil based on pupils registered for FSM over a six year period. This fixed amount of money is expected to increase every year for the course of this current

Parliament.

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The Headteacher ensures that senior leaders (SLT) prioritise Pupil Premium children when organising intervention groups so that data is used effectively to identify gaps in attainment and progress. Staff are staff are aware of areas for development in the school in terms of subjects, year groups and which children need to be targeted in order to close any gaps.

This benefits all pupil premium children and supports higher as well as lower ability children.

Staff track their pupil premium children so that their academic progress is a priority ‘group’. Spending is carefully planned and this has meant making informed decisions about our spending with governors to ensure maximum effect.

**Pupil Premium Spending at Lickey Hills Primary School and Nursery**

Bridging the attainment gap disadvantaged pupils is a government and Worcestershire priority. We currently use pupil premium funds to employ two pastoral teaching assistants who support and develop pupils and families with their emotional well-being, attendance, punctuality, behaviour and small group curriculum work as well as ensuring all children can access experiences beyond the classroom such as school visits including residentials and music tuition for those pupils who show a flair for the subject. These staff also work closely with the Headteacher, Deputy Head and other external agencies to ensure disadvantaged pupils have every opportunity to achieve as well as other pupils in school. Pupil Premium also part funds an Educational Psychology service. This support ensures that teaching staff can focus on quality first teaching and delivering interventions that have a positive impact on closing gaps.