

Pupil Premium Select Committee

Hearing 1

Monday 6th November 2017

Witness Guide for Members

Below are suggested themes and questions. They have been provided in advance to the witnesses to allow them to prepare for the types of issues that Members may be interested to explore. All Members are welcome to ask these questions or pose additional ones to the witnesses via the Committee Chairman.

Themes and Questions

Linda Pickles, Principal Adviser for Primary School Improvement and Celia Buxton, Principal Adviser for Secondary, PRUs and Special schools

The session will begin with a presentation which will provide an introduction to the Pupil Premium and offer some background information, particularly in relation to Kent.

- Please describe and contextualise the different types of Pupil Premium available in England in terms of eligibility and funding.
- Who are the groups of vulnerable learners currently supported by the Pupil Premium in Kent?
- In your opinion, how effective is the adoption of free school meals (FSM) as a measure of disadvantage to determine eligibility to Pupil Premium funding?
- To what extent are the Pupil Premium, the Early Years Pupil Premium and the Pupil Premium Plus closing the attainment gap between disadvantaged learners and their peers in Kent? Please provide some figures.
- What are the most effective strategies and interventions associated with the Pupil Premium that have proven successful in narrowing the attainment gap?

- What can KCC do, if anything, to improve the effectiveness of the Pupil Premium, the Early Years Pupil Premium and the Pupil Premium Plus in narrowing the attainment gap between vulnerable pupils and their peers in Kent?
- Are there any other issues, with relevance to the review, that you would like to raise with the Committee?