

Pupil Premium Select Committee

Hearing 2

Friday 10th 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

Steven Ackerley, Lead Senior Improvement Adviser (SIA), Kent County Council

- Please introduce yourself and provide an outline of the roles and responsibilities that your post involves.
- Please provide an overview with regard to Pupil Premium eligibility and funding allocation to children with SEND in Kent.
- To what extent has the Pupil Premium funding been effective in narrowing the attainment gap between pupils with Special Educational Need and Disability (SEND) who qualify for additional Pupil Premium funding and their peers in Kent?
- What information should be considered when assessing the academic progress of these pupils?
- In your opinion, what are the main issues, if any, in relation to the Pupil Premium funding in Kent?
- In your view, what are the most effective strategies and interventions associated with Pupil Premium, where this funding has proven successful in narrowing the attainment gap between pupils with SEND who also qualify for additional Pupil Premium funding and their peers? Please provide best practice examples of these interventions by Kent schools.
- What can KCC do, if anything, to improve the effectiveness of Pupil Premium funding in raising the educational attainment of vulnerable children and in narrowing the attainment gap?

- Are there any other issues, in relation to the review, that you would like to raise with the Committee?