

Pupil Premium Select Committee

Hearing 3

Monday 13th 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

James Turner, Deputy Chief Executive, Education Endowment Foundation

- Please introduce yourself and provide an outline of the roles and responsibilities that your post involves.
- Please provide an overview of the Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) and set out its aims.
- Please discuss the evidence-informed approach to using the Pupil Premium that the EEF advocates.
- What is the EEF Toolkit, and what are its main aims and benefits? To what extent do schools use the Toolkit to improve learning outcomes for disadvantaged children and young people?
- In your view, to what extent has Pupil Premium funding been effective in narrowing the attainment gap between vulnerable pupils and their peers?
- What are the barriers – if any – to knowing whether, where and why the Pupil Premium gap is closing? Please refer to the EEF “Next Steps” report.
- 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?
- What can KCC do, if anything, to improve the effectiveness of Pupil Premium in raising the educational attainment of vulnerable pupils and in narrowing the attainment gap?

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