

Pupil Premium Select Committee

Hearing 4

Friday 17th 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

Sue Nicholson, Executive Headteacher, The Brent Primary School

- Please introduce yourself and provide an outline of the roles and responsibilities that your post involves.
- What is the main focus of Pupil Premium funding allocation in your school? How do you track what Pupil Premium funding is spent on? How do you monitor the impact of Pupil Premium funding in your school?
- What is the role of senior leaders and governors in your school in promoting the Pupil Premium and its benefits?
- Please discuss the impact of Pupil Premium funding on the school's outstanding outcomes. To what extent has this funding contributed to closing the attainment gap between vulnerable children and their peers in your school?
- In what ways – if any - do you encourage parents and carers to apply for Free School Meals if they are eligible?
- In your opinion, what strategies and interventions should Kent schools implement to maximise the impact of the Pupil Premium and to narrow the attainment gap?
- What can KCC do, if anything, to improve the effectiveness of the Pupil Premium in closing the attainment gap between vulnerable children and their peers?
- Are there any other issues, in relation to the review, that you wish to raise with the Committee?