

Pupil Premium Select Committee

Hearing 6

Tuesday 21st 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

Ashley Crittenden, Headteacher, West Borough Primary School

- Please introduce yourself and offer an outline of the roles and responsibilities that your post involves.
- Please provide an overview of Pupil Premium allocation in your school. Is there a clear strategy for how Pupil Premium funding should be spent, and is this communicated to all stakeholders?
- To what extent has Pupil Premium funding been effective in narrowing the attainment gap between vulnerable children and their peers 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?
- Does your nursery receive any Early Years Pupil Premium? In your view, to what extent is the Early Years Pupil Premium effective in promoting the academic achievement of vulnerable younger children?
- In your opinion, what other strategies and interventions – if any – can be implemented to maximise the impact of the Pupil Premium?
- In what ways – if any - do you encourage parents and carers to apply for Free School Meals if they are eligible?
- Are there any other issues, in relation to the review, that you wish to raise with the Committee?