

Pupil Premium Select Committee

Hearing 8

Monday 15th January 2018

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

John Cavadino, Principal, Oasis Academy, Isle of Sheppey

- Please introduce yourself and offer an outline of the roles and responsibilities that your post involves.
- What is the main focus of Pupil Premium funding allocation in the Academy? How do you track what Pupil Premium funding is spent on? How do you monitor the impact of Pupil Premium funding in your school?
- In what ways – if any - do you encourage parents and carers to apply for Free School Meals if they are eligible?
- To what extent has Pupil Premium funding been effective in narrowing the attainment gap between vulnerable children and their peers in the Academy?
- In your view, to what extent do external factors in areas of high deprivation have an impact on the academic progress of vulnerable pupils?
- What are the most successful interventions and strategies where the Pupil Premium has been used effectively to narrow the attainment gap between vulnerable learners and their peers in your school?
- 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?