

Pupil Premium Select Committee

Hearing 9

Monday 22nd 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

Deborah Stanley, Headteacher, Maidstone Grammar School for Girls

- Please introduce yourself and offer an outline of the roles and responsibilities that your post involves.
- Please provide an overview of the Pupil Premium allocation in your school. Is there a clear rationale for how Pupil Premium funding should be spent, and is this communicated to all stakeholders?
- How do you track what Pupil Premium funding is spent on, and how do you monitor its impact?
- Please discuss the parental expectations on the school's use of Pupil Premium funding.
- To what extent has Pupil Premium funding been effective in narrowing the attainment gap between vulnerable children and their peers in the school? What are the key benefits and challenges associated with this funding?
- In your view, does the relatively low number of pupils receiving Pupil Premium funding in your school make it more or less challenging to make a difference to closing the attainment gap?
- In your opinion, what other strategies and interventions – if any – can be implemented to maximise the impact of the Pupil Premium?
- 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?