

Pupil Premium Select Committee

Hearing 10

Monday 29th 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

Julie Miles, Manager, Discovery Day Nursery, Maidstone, and Christine Robinson, Early Years and Childcare Equality and Inclusion Adviser, KCC

- Please introduce yourselves and offer an outline of the roles and responsibilities that your posts involve.
- Please provide an overview of the Early Years Pupil Premium allocation in your nursery. Is there a clear rationale for how the funding should be spent, and is this communicated to all stakeholders?
- To what extent has Early Years Pupil Premium funding been effective in promoting the academic achievement of vulnerable younger children in your nursery, and in narrowing the attainment gap between these children and their peers?
- In your opinion, how effective is the adoption of free school meals (FSM) as a measure of disadvantage to determine eligibility to Early Years Pupil Premium funding?
- In your opinion, what other strategies and interventions – if any – can be implemented to maximise the impact of the Early Years Pupil Premium?
- What can KCC do, if anything, to improve the effectiveness of the Early Years 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?