

Pupil Premium Personal Budgets



Frequently Asked Questions

How much is my child's budget worth

Each year you will be able to get up to £100 per school year per eligible child. Autumn Term: £50 will be credited to your account. If you attend at least one parent event and your child's attendance for the whole term is 95% or better you will receive an additional credit of £25 for the spring term and again for the summer term if you continue to meet the targets.

What can I use the money for?

You can choose to spend the money on any item that will enhance your child's learning opportunities in school. These include paying for school equipment e.g. reading bags, PE kits, trainers, school trips, swimming lessons or residential trips. You could also spend it on providing your child with full, correct uniform.

How do I 'spend' my child's budget?

The school office holds the money for you. We ask that you complete the request form and pass it to Mrs Blaber in the office for processing. She will also keep you informed of how much has been spent and how much is remaining.

Why is attendance so important?

Research clearly shows a link between good attendance and the children achieving well at school. We want every child at Pondhu to do well and you can help by ensuring your child is in school every day.

Why do I have to attend a parent's event and what are these?

There is a strong link between a child's achievement and the level of parental involvement with school. We are very keen to work in partnership with you and ask that you attend parent's events that are available (e.g. Parent's consultations and Parent's forums).

Why does my child need full, correct uniform?

Our school is proud of our uniform and we expect all children to wear full, correct uniform. We do this to help ensure everyone feels the same loyalty to Pondhu and that all the children are all equal members of our school community.

What is full, correct uniform?

The full uniform is designed to allow a degree of flexibility to ensure your child feels comfortable and still conforms to the expectations.

Grey / black trousers / skirts / pinafores / (shorts in summer)

White polo shirts

White, blue or grey socks

Black shoes

Blue Pondhu jumpers (available from the office). We currently charge £9.40 for these.

Summer dress – blue gingham (summer and first half of autumn term only)

PE kit: plain white T- shirt, black shorts or black joggers plimsolls and / or trainers (outdoor only). Pondhu tracksuits are also available to purchase (currently £26) for child sizes.

Can I save it up to pay for a residential trip in the summer term?

Yes, you can save it up for a major event.

What happens at the end of the year if I don't spend it?

Any additional funding will be returned to the main school pupil premium budget to be spent in different ways for the benefit of pupil premium children.

How long does Pupil Premium Funding last?

Once you have claimed free school meals your child will remain eligible for the next six years. This is known as Free School Meals Ever 6.

Who else is eligible for Pupil Premium?

Children who receive free school meals are eligible.

Children in care are eligible.

Children of services personnel are eligible.

Can I have the money in cash?

No we are not able to do this, all the money is held and managed by the school office on your behalf.