

GOVERNORS BRIEFING – 19TH MARCH 2015

INTRODUCTION

In the last Governors meeting the statutory statement relating to the Pupil Premium Grant was discussed and approved (Annex 2). Since this meeting we were also delighted to receive a letter from the Minister of State for Schools, David Laws congratulating the College on its work with disadvantaged students (Annex 1). This document aims to provide greater detail about our current provision and plans for the next twelve months. The main body of content will provide evidence to complement a planned Pupil Premium Review to take place in May 2015 by Sarah Bysouth. This review will mirror the framework devised by Sir John Dunford (PP Champion) with the overall aim of enhancing our current provision further.

POSITION STATEMENT

The view of the College is that we aim to maximise the potential of all students in our care. Specific attention is paid to those students who need the greatest amount of support to achieve outstanding achievement. We believe that students will achieve best when they and their families are fully engaged with the College. This is achieved through strong attendance, academic achievement, and strong engagement in the wider life of the College. Close monitoring and targeted intervention are used to support these aims.

Catmose College Pupil Premium Profile [2014-15]	
Total number of pupils in the school	884
Number of PP-eligible pupils:	167
Amount per pupil:	£935 (Disadvantaged), £1900 (LAC / Adopt), £300 (Service)
Total pupil premium budget:	The amount of pupil premium allocated to Catmose College for the 2014-15 financial year is £128,095

Evidence of school performance	
Key statements from Ofsted report(s) relating to the performance of disadvantaged pupils:	The last Ofsted Report (2012) rated the College Outstanding in all areas. Within the Achievement section the Inspection team noted: There are few differences in the achievement of different groups of learners in the College. Where these do occur robust action is taken to close them; Central to the success of the College has been the setting of ambitious performance targets, linked to detailed tracking of student progress. This leads to effective intervention for all identified groups and individuals.

SELF EVALUATION SUMMARY AT A GLANCE V OFSTED OUTSTANDING

1 Where schools spent the Pupil Premium funding successfully to improve achievement, they shared many of the following characteristics. They:

- carefully ringfenced the funding so that they always spent it on the target group of pupils
- never confused eligibility for the Pupil Premium with low ability, and focused on supporting their disadvantaged pupils to achieve the highest levels
- thoroughly analysed which pupils were underachieving, particularly in English and mathematics, and why
- drew on research evidence (such as the Sutton Trust toolkit⁴) and evidence from their own and others' experience to allocate the funding to the activities that were most likely to have an impact on improving achievement
- understood the importance of ensuring that all day-to-day teaching meets the needs of each learner, rather than relying on interventions to compensate for teaching that is less than good
- allocated their best teachers to teach intervention groups to improve mathematics and English, or employed new teachers who had a good track record in raising attainment in those subjects
- used achievement data frequently to check whether interventions or techniques were working and made adjustments accordingly, rather than just using the data retrospectively to see if something had worked

- had a clear policy on spending the Pupil Premium, agreed by governors and publicised on the school website
- provided well-targeted support to improve attendance, behaviour or links with families where these were barriers to a pupil's learning
- had a clear and robust performance management system for all staff, and included discussions about pupils eligible for the Pupil Premium in performance management meetings
- thoroughly involved governors in the decision making and evaluation process
- were able, through careful monitoring and evaluation, to demonstrate the impact of each aspect of their provision
- made sure that support staff, particularly teaching assistants, were highly trained and understood their role in helping pupils to achieve
- systematically focused on giving pupils clear, useful feedback about their work, and ways that they could improve it
- ensured that a designated senior leader had a clear overview of how the funding was being allocated and the difference it was making to the outcomes for pupils
- ensured that class and subject teachers knew which pupils were eligible for the Pupil Premium so that they could take responsibility for accelerating their progress

SUMMARY OF COLLEGE'S PERFORMANCE DATA FOR PP STUDENTS

Those students on FSM outperformed the National Average (*all students*) for 5A*-C including English and Maths by 3% in 2014 with year 11 students studying an average of 9 qualifications. Students on FSM scored 288.3 capped points scores which is above national average for all students.

Headline GCSE Figures (2014)

	% achieved 5A*-C incl. English & maths	% achieved C+ passes in English	% achieved 3+ levels progress in English	% achieved 4+ levels progress in English	% achieved C+ passes in maths	% achieved 3+ levels progress in maths	% achieved 4+ levels progress in maths
All pupils	69	79	85	54	78	69	31
FSM pupils	50	63	73	35	67	46	23

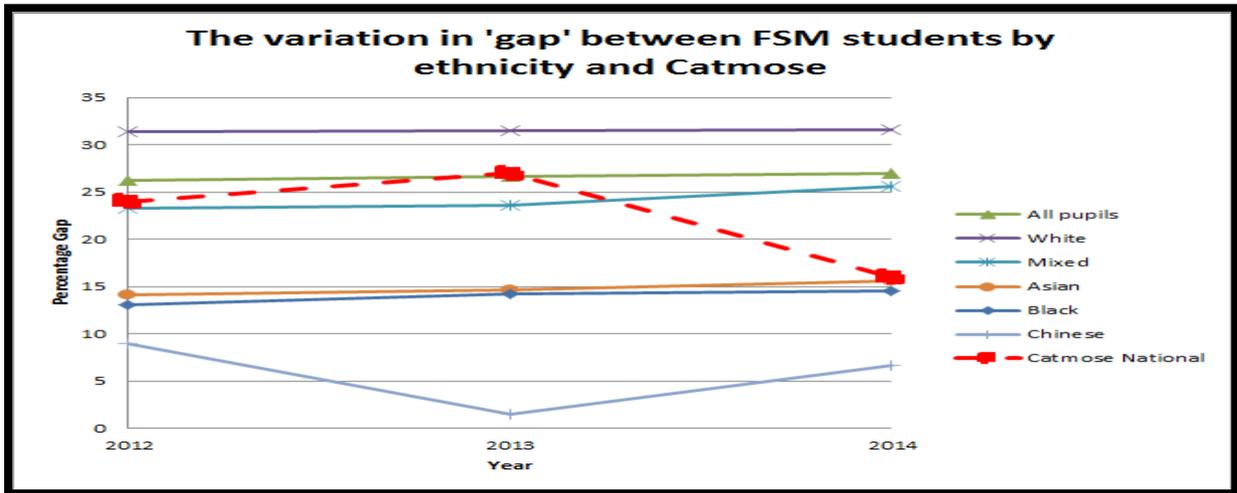
These results compare particularly well when the national context for disadvantaged groups is considered.

White Disadvantaged Groups

As can be seen below (illustrated by national data 2013-14 but a rolling trend), students from white disadvantaged backgrounds, similar to those at Catmose, significantly under-perform compared to the national average of disadvantaged students.

Pupils known to be eligible for free school meals						
	Number of eligible pupils ¹			Percentage achieving 5+ A*-C grades inc. English & mathematics GCSEs		
	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
All pupils ⁷	41,109	39,520	80,629	29.2	38.0	33.5
White	28,082	26,984	55,066	24.3	32.9	28.5
Mixed	2,296	2,257	4,553	32.8	42.1	37.4
Asian	5,143	4,891	10,034	44.0	53.2	48.5
Black	3,874	3,852	7,726	37.3	48.1	42.7
Chinese	76	72	148	60.5	76.4	68.2

On average, 28.5% of White British disadvantaged students attained 5A*-C including English and Maths at GCSE. Catmose students significantly exceeded both this figure (by 21.5%) and the average of all FSM students (by 16.5%). As can be seen on the graph below we are pleased that the gap (based on 5A*-C) has closed for our FSM students further between 2013-14.



Closing of Gap (value added score – taken from RAISEONLINE)

Value Added	2012		2013		2014	
	Cohort	School	Cohort	School	Cohort	School
Overall	19	948.4	30	1018.5	26	985.1
Disadvantaged Pupils	19	948.4	30	1018.5	26	985.1
Other Pupils	131	1016.1	115	1014.1	125	1010.6
Gap		67.7		-4.4		25.5

The data shows a positive trend since 2011-12. Whilst we were disappointed about the increased gap between 2013-14 in value added this was still an improvement on 2012 data. Crucially, 2014 saw a significant change to the examination performance tables where students were unable to take many of the vocational qualifications available in 2013. Changes were also made to early entry which removed the opportunity for resitting exams. Both these changes disproportionately impacted on disadvantaged students as there were fewer opportunities for additional intervention to address any under-performance which has previously been the case.

In a number of core areas the gap in value added between disadvantaged students and the remaining cohort was very small. This can be illustrated by the data below from the 2014 RAISEONLINE analysis where 2014 so the gap narrowing for Languages and Humanities, and remaining very small for the three core subjects. [This further supports the view that a change in qualification type away from vocational to examination affected this cohort in remaining subjects.]

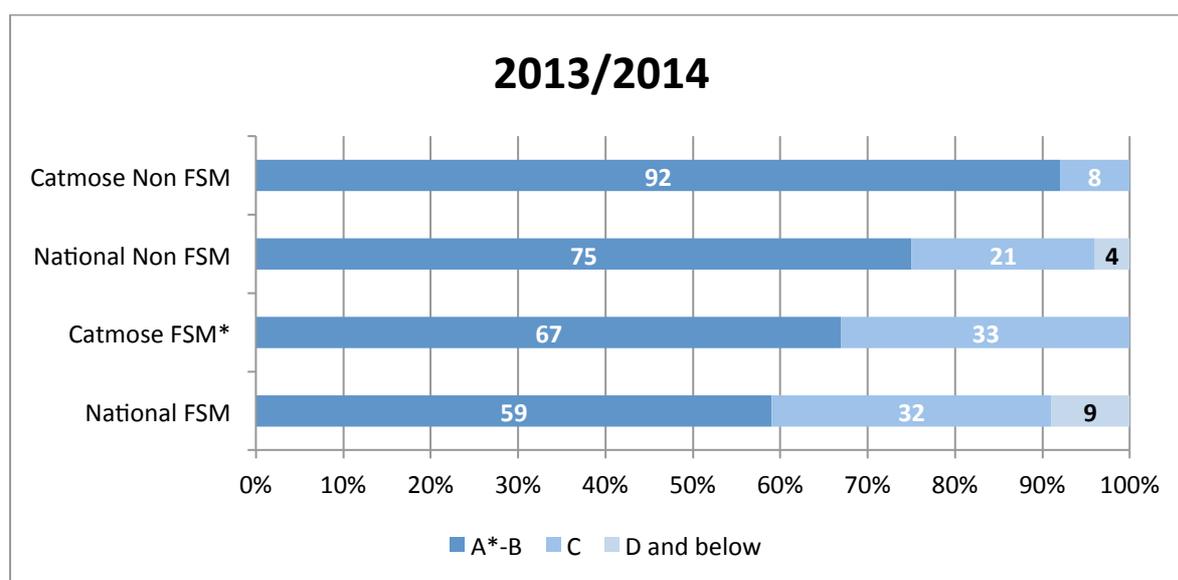
Value Added	2012		2013		2014	
	Cohort	School	Cohort	School	Cohort	School
Overall						
Disadvantaged pupils	19	948.4	30	1018.5	26	985.1
Other pupils	131	1016.1	115	1014.1	125	1010.6
English						
Disadvantaged pupils	19	994.2	30	999.3	26	1000.0
Other pupils	131	999.3	115	1001.9	125	1003.0
Mathematics						
Disadvantaged pupils	19	995.2	30	1000.2	26	999.5
Other pupils	131	998.6	115	1000.9	125	1000.1
Science						
Disadvantaged pupils	10	998.6	22	997.8	20	998.7
Other pupils	99	998.5	100	999.1	110	1000.6
Languages						
Disadvantaged pupils	3	1001.1	9	993.2	4	1004.6
Other pupils	29	1001.2	63	999.6	68	998.8
Humanities						
Disadvantaged pupils	6	998.9	18	1000.0	13	1002.8
Other pupils	77	1001.2	88	1002.6	102	1003.5

The capped average points score data also reflects a closing of the gap from 2011-12 within the core subjects of English (11.8 to 5.9) and Maths (11.8 to 5.3) with disadvantaged students performing very close to that of national average (all) students.

Average Point Score												
	2012				2013				2014			
	Cohort	School	National other pupils	Diff	Cohort	School	National other pupils	Diff	Cohort	School	National other pupils	Diff
English APS												
Disadvantaged pupils	20	29.3	40.2	-10.9	30	36.3	40.5	-4.2	26	38.7	40.4	-1.7
Other pupils	133	41.1		0.9	120	43.5		3.0	132	44.6		4.2
Within school gap		-11.8				-7.2				-5.9		
Mathematics APS												
Disadvantaged pupils	20	29.0	40.6	-11.6	30	37.3	40.9	-3.6	26	36.6	40.1	-3.5
Other pupils	133	40.8		0.2	120	42.7		1.8	132	41.9		1.8
Within school gap		-11.8				-5.4				-5.3		

More Able FSM

A key measure increasingly used by Ofsted is to consider the percentage of students arriving on a Level 5 that convert this to an A*-B by the end of GCSE. The graph below shows how well (L5 in both English and Maths shown) our students performed compared to the National Average. Students at the College out-performed national FSM by 8% in 2013-14. For this academic year the prediction is 75% which will be in line with National Non FSM.



ACADEMIC INTERVENTION: The College has invested PPG funds into a wide range of intervention strategies designed to support students not achieving their expected targets. These have varied from small scale individual subsidies (e.g. purchase of specialist arts equipment) through to small intervention sessions with specialist members of staff (e.g. literacy support in Year 7). Intervention Teaching Assistants are deployed throughout the College to support students for an identified issue for a specific length of time. In Year 11 a wide range of intervention strategies are put in place by team leaders (including after school sessions, breakfast clubs). Identified PP students are strongly encouraged to attend and are monitored closely by both the team leader and Intervention Manager. A Red Card system has been recently introduced to manage intervention sessions and curriculum changes are looked at carefully to maximise each student chances of success.

SELF-EVALUATION SUMMARY - ENGAGEMENT

We believe we know our students well. As described within the Pupil Premium statement we see the key to success as ensuring that students are fully engaged in the life of the college. This will mean they want to be here and are keen to achieve. Below is our self-evaluation of our main strategies used to ensure students are fully engaged in the life of the college.

1. **ATTENDANCE** – We believe that strong attendance is key to success and non-attendance is a significant barrier. Our approach is to monitor attendance weekly, and to work closely with parents and the local authority to ensure success. College intervention (parent meetings, letters) is the first stage, followed by a strong legal approach by the LA (including fines). The RAISEONLINE data for 2013-14 demonstrates a strong attendance record for FSM students (FSM absence is lower than the national average for attendance and an improving pattern since 2013).

	2012			2013			2014		
	School	National average for secondary schools	Median trendline for school's FSM ¹ level	School	National average for secondary schools	Median trendline for school's FSM ¹ level	School	National average for secondary schools	Median trendline for school's FSM ¹ level
Absence									
% Persistent absentees- absent for 15% or more sessions	5.1	6.9	5.4	2.7	6.6	5.6	1.8	5.8	4.6
% Persistent absentees- absent for 20% or more sessions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
% of sessions missed due to Overall Absence	4.7	5.7	5.3	4.2	5.9	5.6	3.4	5.1	4.8

- a. **CURRENT POSITION:** Attendance for all PP students (Feb 15) is 95.3%. This compares favourably to the whole college attendance of 97.2%. The lower figure in Year 9 reflects two families who took in term holidays and were subsequently fined but also some genuine longer term medical issues.

Year Group	PP Attendance
7	95.86
8	95.24
9	93.16
10	96.12
11	96.28

Attendance			
ATT Nov 14	Intervention	ATT Feb 15	Intervention
95.8		91.2	College Letter
100		96.28	
81.7	College Letter	92.06	
100		99.07	
92.2		93.02	College Letter
98.6		98.13	
97.1		97.66	
96.5		96.76	
96.5		95.83	
99.3		98.61	

2. **BEHAVIOUR AND EXCLUSIONS** – Behaviour of all students is monitored closely within the College (Sleuth) and a stage approach is used where issues need escalating. Our approach has been to support classroom teachers manage their own classes but intervene strongly where patterns have emerged. The 2013-14 data below from RAISEONLINE shows that fixed term exclusions were used where appropriate for all groups of users (FSM below national average). This figure increased in 2014 for permanent exclusions but this was due to an isolated incident in which the College took decisive action.

	Fixed term exclusions as a percentage of the pupil group		% enrolments with 1 or more fixed term exclusions		Permanent exclusions as a percentage of the pupil group	
	School	National average for secondary schools	School	National average for secondary schools	School	National average for secondary schools
All Pupils	2.96	6.87	2.01	3.86	0.12	0.12
Gender						
Male	4.93	9.65	3.29	5.40	0.00	0.19
Female	0.96	4.06	0.72	2.29	0.24	0.06
Free School Meals*						
FSM	13.38	16.34	9.15	8.49	0.00	0.24
Non FSM	0.43	4.35	0.28	2.67	0.00	0.05

- a. **CURRENT POSITION:** The behaviour of this cohort is outstanding. The table below reflects the average number of negative behaviours for students within that year group. We recognise that Year 8 is a particular challenge where a higher than normal proportion of disadvantaged students are at our higher levels of intervention. Where this is the case students are monitored carefully through a daily report, immediate sanctions and supported from a senior member of staff.

Year Group	Average Negative Sleuths for PP within Year	Number of Students (Feb 15) Stage 2 or >
7	2.4	1
8	7.7	7
9	1.64	1
10	5.13	4
11	3.5	4

Sleuth Feb 15	Intervention	Key Worker
2	N/A	N/A
1	N/A	N/A
20	3	JHR
16	1	GM
0	N/A	N/A
0	N/A	N/A
0	N/A	N/A
4	N/A	N/A
0	N/A	N/A
4	1	FT
5	1	FT
28	3	JHR
0	N/A	N/A
0	N/A	N/A
0	N/A	N/A
2	N/A	N/A
4	1	FT
0	N/A	N/A
0	N/A	N/A
0	N/A	N/A

3. **ENGAGEMENT:** The College has carefully invested PPG funds into supporting students to ensure that they have full access to a wide range of extra-curricular trips and enrichment activities. Where appropriate individual tutors, key workers or senior staff have promoted engagement in activities that may not normally have been the case.

a. **CURRENT POSITION** (Feb 15)

Year Group	Scholarships (Sport, Music, Academic) as a % of cohort	Extra-Curricular Trips (2 or more Trips) as a % of cohort	No's involved in Sports / Media Team as a % of cohort	No's taking Music Tuition as a team of a % cohort
7	0 [Not available until Yr8]	82	10	10
8	7	85	17	20
9	26	34	27	7
10	37	52	30	10
11	10	28	23	7

The next stage of analysis is to consider these percentages versus percentage for all cohort.

INTENDED PP ACTION PLAN (PRE-VISIT)

1. Link FSM outcomes to Performance Review Targets for Team Leaders
2. Curriculum Change – e.g. additional literacy support added within Years 7 and 8, SOW development (e.g. subject mastery).
3. Closer analysis of report data (KS3) to monitor academic progress and impact of subsequent intervention.
4. Use RTA Professional Tutor to ensure Action Research is clearly linked to disadvantaged groups in order to monitor impact of intervention strategies. Staff training, including TAs enhanced.



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CATMOSE COLLEGE
CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR DISADVANTAGED PUPIL RESULTS

Dear Mr Williams,

It gives me great pleasure to write to you and congratulate your school on the improvement in the key stage 4 results of your disadvantaged pupils since 2011.

Your results show that you have improved in terms of the attainment and value-added progress of your disadvantaged pupils since 2011, and that you are increasingly effective at educating your disadvantaged pupils. It is clear that you and your staff have provided your disadvantaged pupils with a good start in life and prepared them well for their futures.

Although you narrowly missed qualifying for the Pupil Premium Awards this year, I hope that you can build on your success through the summer 2015 results for disadvantaged pupils. If so, you may win a prize of £5000 next year in the 2016 Awards. You may also be invited to apply to win up to £250,000. You can find out more about the awards at www.pupilpremiumawards.co.uk.

I would like to congratulate your staff, governors, parents and pupils for their hard work and success, and thank you for your leadership in making such a difference to the future success of your pupils. Finally, I would also encourage you to share your achievements with other schools so that they can learn from your strengths and experience.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'D. Laws', written over a horizontal line.

ANNEX 2 – PUPIL PREMIUM STATEMENT FROM WEBSITE

PUPIL PREMIUM GRANT

Pupil Premium is additional funding provided by the Department for Education to enhance the education and reduce inequalities and gaps in attainment between those students in specific socio-economic groups (namely those students entitled to free school meals, looked after children and children of service personnel) and their peers.

The amount of pupil premium allocated to Catmose College for the 2014-15 financial year is £128,095.

Catmose Federation has allocated expenditure from the pupil premium grant for the following initiatives:

Data tracking is used rigorously to identify those students under-performing against targets and those who enter the College on low levels of attainments, as identified through SATs / CATs scores. Under the leadership of our Intervention Manager, additional resources are allocated to ensure the closing of gaps for those students. At all Key Stages funding is used to provide support, additional tuition, materials and resources. In order to ensure quality the additional tuition is provided by a team of specialists, including former Heads of Departments and those with a particular expertise (e.g. literacy). Key workers are allocated from the intervention team and include senior staff where appropriate. A small team of Intervention TA's support students individually within lessons and on focused areas of work (e.g. around controlled assessment) where required. Enrichment Co-ordinator was appointed in September 2014 with a particular focus on ensuring that Pupil Premium students are engaged with and have access to a broader range of extra-curricular activities that might be normally the case.

The Pupil Premium has been used to provide targeted intervention for students with lower than age expected literacy skills. Specifically we have invested in Read, Write, Inc. material. This has included a detailed two day training programme delivered by the Ruth Miskin foundation. Funding has also been spent on providing additional resources for both students and staff involved in delivery of our provision. This has included revision programmes, and essential equipment.

We believe that students who buy into our ethos and come to school every day will achieve. Attendance is monitored closely and the link Vice Principal will engage with students, parents and the local authority to ensure attendance is in line with the school average. Our enrichment co-ordinator will ensure that the wider aspect of College life is available to all students. This includes curriculum trips, elective programmes, and scholarship opportunities. Where appropriate these opportunities are subsidised to ensure they are accessible to all.

The impact of this spending has been positive. This is illustrated through our whole college results and those identified specifically in progress measures such as Raise Online. Students on FSM scored 288.3 capped points scores. This is above the national average. When assessing students' performance between Key Stage 2 and Key stage 4, these groups out-performed the national figure of 977.8 achieving 984.6.

ANNEX 3 FUNDING

The PPG per pupil for 2014-2015 is as follows:

Disadvantaged pupils	Pupil Premium per pupil
Pupils in Year Groups R to 6 recorded as Ever 6 FSM	£1,300
Pupils in Year Groups 7 to 11 recorded as Ever 6 FSM	£935
Looked After Children (LAC)	£1,900
Children adopted from care under the Adoption and Children Act 2002 ¹ and children who have left care under a Special Guardianship or Residence Order	£1,900
Service children	
Pupils in Year Groups R to 11 recorded as Ever 4 Service Child or in receipt of a child pension from the Ministry of Defence.	£300

1.2 Definitions (taken from the RAISEONLINE Website :

<https://www.raiseonline.org/contact/faqData.aspx?faqId=43>)

DISADVANTAGED GROUP OF PUPILS 16/02/2015

Q. WHAT CONSTITUTES A 'DISADVANTAGED' CHILD?

Why are children adopted from care who qualify for the Pupil Premium not been included in the disadvantaged group in my RAISEonline report?

A. The definition for CLA Pupil Premium has changed to 'looked after for at least 1 day', and also now includes children adopted from care on or after 30 December 2005, or left in care under a special guardianship order or a residence order. This is the definition that will be used for the 2014-15 Pupil Premium funding arrangements.

For 2014, the Free School Meals eligible and Children Looked After data being published in RAISE do not equate exactly to those pupils for whom the school receives pupil premium funding as defined above. The FSM pupils are those who are, or have been, eligible for free school meals and have claimed them in the last 6 years (years R to 11) at the time of the January 2014 Census. The CLA are children continuously looked after for over 6 months, as taken from the LA returns in March 2014.

Thus, RAISEonline 2014 reports continue to use last year's CLA definition, even though the DfE definition has changed to 'looked after for at least 1 day' for purpose of pupil premium. The DfE performance tables for 2014 results also use the 'old' definition. Note that the performance tables are published on validated data so may not match RAISEonline's figures in its KS2 and KS4 attainment and progress sections until validated reports have been released in the spring of 2015.

Raiseonline uses the term 'disadvantaged pupils' in 2014 data for the FSM6 and/or CLA group. So although children adopted from care are now included in the Pupil Premium arrangements, they are not currently included in the Raiseonline 'disadvantaged' group.

Service children are not classified as disadvantaged.

Links to EEF Toolkit (<http://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/toolkit/>)

TOPIC	COST	EVIDENCE	IMPACT
Arts participation	£ £ £ £ £	🔒 🔒 🔒 🔒 🔒	+2 months
Aspiration interventions	£ £ £ £ £	🔒 🔒 🔒 🔒 🔒	0 months
Behaviour interventions	£ £ £ £ £	🔒 🔒 🔒 🔒 🔒	+4 months
Block scheduling	£ £ £ £ £	🔒 🔒 🔒 🔒 🔒	0 months
Collaborative learning	£ £ £ £ £	🔒 🔒 🔒 🔒 🔒	+5 months
Digital technology	£ £ £ £ £	🔒 🔒 🔒 🔒 🔒	+4 months
Early years intervention	£ £ £ £ £	🔒 🔒 🔒 🔒 🔒	+6 months
Extending school time	£ £ £ £ £	🔒 🔒 🔒 🔒 🔒	+2 months
Feedback	£ £ £ £ £	🔒 🔒 🔒 🔒 🔒	+8 months
Homework (Primary)	£ £ £ £ £	🔒 🔒 🔒 🔒 🔒	+1 month
Homework (Secondary)	£ £ £ £ £	🔒 🔒 🔒 🔒 🔒	+5 months
Individualised instruction	£ £ £ £ £	🔒 🔒 🔒 🔒 🔒	+2 months
Learning styles	£ £ £ £ £	🔒 🔒 🔒 🔒 🔒	+2 months
Mastery learning	£ £ £ £ £	🔒 🔒 🔒 🔒 🔒	+5 months
Mentoring	£ £ £ £ £	🔒 🔒 🔒 🔒 🔒	+1 month
Meta-cognition and self-regulation	£ £ £ £ £	🔒 🔒 🔒 🔒 🔒	+8 months
One to one tuition	£ £ £ £ £	🔒 🔒 🔒 🔒 🔒	+5 months
Oral language interventions	£ £ £ £ £	🔒 🔒 🔒 🔒 🔒	+5 months
Outdoor adventure learning	£ £ £ £ £	🔒 🔒 🔒 🔒 🔒	+3 months

Parental involvement	£ £ £ £ £	🔒 🔒 🔒 🔒 🔒	+3 months
Peer tutoring	£ £ £ £ £	🔒 🔒 🔒 🔒 🔒	+6 months
Performance pay	£ £ £ £ £	🔒 🔒 🔒 🔒 🔒	0 months
Phonics	£ £ £ £ £	🔒 🔒 🔒 🔒 🔒	+4 months
Physical environment	£ £ £ £ £	🔒 🔒 🔒 🔒 🔒	0 months
Reading comprehension strategies	£ £ £ £ £	🔒 🔒 🔒 🔒 🔒	+5 months
Reducing class size	£ £ £ £ £	🔒 🔒 🔒 🔒 🔒	+3 months
Repeating a year	£ £ £ £ £	🔒 🔒 🔒 🔒 🔒	-4 months
School uniform	£ £ £ £ £	🔒 🔒 🔒 🔒 🔒	0 months
Setting or streaming	£ £ £ £ £	🔒 🔒 🔒 🔒 🔒	-1 month
Small group tuition	£ £ £ £ £	🔒 🔒 🔒 🔒 🔒	+4 months
Social and emotional learning	£ £ £ £ £	🔒 🔒 🔒 🔒 🔒	+4 months
Sports participation	£ £ £ £ £	🔒 🔒 🔒 🔒 🔒	+2 months
Summer schools	£ £ £ £ £	🔒 🔒 🔒 🔒 🔒	+2 months
Teaching assistants	£ £ £ £ £	🔒 🔒 🔒 🔒 🔒	+1 month