



### **Context of the school**

Brookside is a larger than average County primary school near the edge of Leicester City, which attracts over 60% of its pupils from outside its catchment area. The school also has a 20 place Unit for children with moderate learning difficulties, all of whom have a statement of special educational needs. This thriving multi-cultural school is a warm and inclusive centre of learning, combining both academic strengths with a focus on cultural and social harmony, creating caring and socially aware citizens of the future. Pre and After provision is offered from 8.00 to 6pm and there are often holiday clubs, too. School caters for children from 4 to 10, but shares its site with Manor High School and Headstart Nursery, which means that the site offers provision from 0 to 14.

Our motto is Championing Children's Potential and that underpins our approach to education and school life at Brookside. We have high aspirations for all our children and their families and we believe that every child should fulfil their potential, whatever that may be and in whatever sphere it may be. We believe that lack of aspiration is the greatest block to achievement and we work hard to create a climate in which all can achieve and in which achievements are celebrated.

Brookside children learn to work with, and learn from, children from a range of backgrounds, faiths and cultures and with a range of academic strengths. Through this, we believe that our children turn out as rounded individuals, ready to engage with all aspects of modern society, secure in their own beliefs and strengths and tolerant towards others. Ofsted graded this element of our work as outstanding in December 2011.

There are not many children in receipt of FSM but that money is targeted to have as wide an impact on our pupils' education and achievement as possible. Our use of the pupil premium is geared around the individual needs of our children and their families as much as possible.

Attendance at Brookside has gradually risen and is now close to average. School works really hard to improve this but some families struggle to take their annual leave in the designated breaks and some families exacerbate the situation by taking extended leave to visit family abroad.

### **Objectives of Pupil Premium expenditure**

Our key objective in using the Pupil premium grant is to reduce the gap in attainment between pupil groups. As a school, our data indicates that we are very effective in narrowing these gaps, ensuring that our pupils make good progress.

Through the use of a range targeted interventions, we are working to eliminate barriers to learning and progress. This granted is also used for any more able children who are in receipt of free school meals to ensure that their attainment and progress are as good as possible. It also gives equality of extracurricular opportunity with access to clubs and Pre/After school care.

## **Pupil Premium expenditure**

### **Pupil Premium Resources – Closing The Gap**

- One to one Teacher directed time ( S Hall, A Cottam )
- Small group work with Teacher ( S Hall, A Cottam )
- LSA support in class
- HLTA group work
- Lunchtime cover
- Experienced Qualified Counsellor ( Felicity )
- Music Lessons
- Residential trips paid
- Day trips paid
- Pre/After care paid
- Uniform purchased
- Extra-Curricular clubs paid
- Resources to aid home learning purchased
- Swimming Fees paid
- Drama workshops/performances paid.
- Family learning/parenting classes

### **Evidence of Impact**

Please see separate information sheet for this data.

### **Applying for Free School Meals**

If you feel your child may qualify for Free School Meals, please read the following information so that you can begin the claim process. This is a totally confidential process and no other children or families be aware of it. Claiming this allowance provides much more than just a meal for your child. It opens access to many other benefits within school for your child. If your claim is successful, you do not even need to take the dinner every day if you do not wish to.

If you would like to apply for Free School Meals, or even just have a confidential discussion about it, please contact the Headteacher or the school office to arrange an appointment.