Pupil Premium Guide

In June 2019, we published a new guide on the Pupil Premium. The EEF Guide to the Pupil Premium aims to support schools in spending their Pupil Premium to maximise the benefit for their students.

The report recommends school take a tiered approach to Pupil Premium spending. Teaching should be the top priority, including professional development, training and support for early career teachers and recruitment and retention.

Targeted support for struggling pupils should also be a key component of an effective Pupil Premium strategy; as well as strategies that relate to non-academic factors, including improving attendance, behaviour and social and emotional support.

The report outlines five key principles for Pupil Premium spending, including the importance of evidence and the need to support disadvantaged middle and high attainers.

It also includes case studies of inspiring schools, who have used their Pupil Premium to transform outcomes for disadvantaged pupils.

For example, Springfield Junior School created additional time and space to prioritise continuing professional development for its teachers and support staff. Last year 90% of their Year 6 Pupil Premium children achieved the expected standard in reading, writing and maths.