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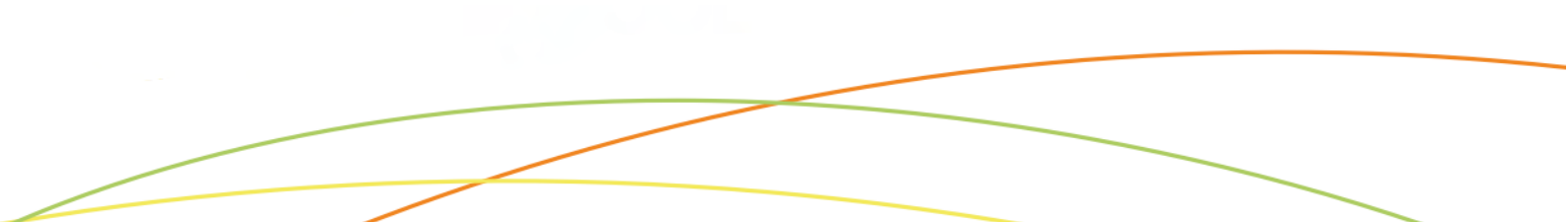
Pupil Premium Parents' Information Booklet 2026-27



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➤ What is Pupil Premium?

The pupil premium is additional funding given to publicly funded schools in England to raise the attainment of 'Ever 6' students and close the gap between them and their peers. At Culcheth High School, we always aim to tackle any underperformance which exists to ensure students make maximum progress.

Purpose

The pupil premium grant is funding to improve educational outcomes for disadvantaged students in state-funded schools in England.

The grant also provides support for children and young people with parents in the regular armed forces, referred to as service pupil premium (SPP). This has been combined into pupil premium payments to make it easier for schools to manage their spending. Students that the SPP intends to support are not necessarily from financially disadvantaged backgrounds.

We want to support all schools to use the wealth of evidence of 'what works', evaluated by the Education Endowment Foundation (EEF), to use this funding effectively.

Funding Criteria

Pupil premium funding is allocated to eligible schools based on the number of:

- students who are recorded as eligible for free school meals, or have been recorded as eligible in the past 6 years (referred to as Ever 6 FSM)
- children previously looked after by a local authority or other state care, including children adopted from state care or equivalent from outside England and Wales

Pupil premium is not a personal budget for individual students, and schools do not have to spend pupil premium so that it solely benefits students who meet the funding criteria. It can be used:

- to support other students with identified needs, such as those who have or have had a social worker, or who act as a carer
- for whole class interventions which will also benefit non-disadvantaged students

Pupil premium funding is allocated to local authorities based on the number of:

- looked-after children, supported by the local authority
- students who meet any of the eligibility criteria and who attend an independent setting, where the local authority pays full tuition fees

For students who are looked-after children, funding should be managed by the local authority's virtual school head (VSH) in consultation with the child's school.

Details of the funding criteria for SPP is outlined in the [Service Pupil Premium](#) section.

➤ **Pupil Premium Funding 2026-2027**

All information extracted from gov.co.uk website. Funding is subject to change annually.

‘Ever 6’ free school meals (FSM) children

For mainstream and special schools, the PP grant for the 2026 to 2027 financial year will include pupils recorded in the October 2025 school census who have had a recorded period of FSM eligibility since (and including) January 2020, as well as those first recorded as eligible in October 2025.

For PRUs and AP academies, the PP grant for the 2026 to 2027 financial year will include pupils recorded in the January 2026 school census who have had a recorded period of FSM eligibility since (and including) May 2020, as well as those first recorded as eligible in January 2026.

For the purposes of this note, these students are collectively referred to as ‘FSM Ever 6’

Previously looked-after children (PLAC)

For mainstream and special schools, the PP grant for financial year 2026 to 2027 will include children recorded in the October 2025 school census who were looked after by a local authority or other state care immediately before being adopted, or who left local authority or other state care on a special guardianship order or child arrangements order (previously known as a residence order). This includes children adopted from state care or the equivalent from outside England and Wales.

For PRUs and AP academies, PP grant for the 2026 to 2027 financial year will include PLAC recorded in the January 2026 school census.

Looked-after children (LAC)

The PP grant is allocated to local authorities based on the number of LAC supported by the authority. LAC are defined in the Children Act 1989 as those who are in the care of, or provided with accommodation by, an English local authority. It is for the local authority to decide how much of this funding to pass on to the child’s school. If LAC PP funding is retained by the local authority, it must still be spent to improve the attainment of eligible pupils and in accordance with the menu of approaches see section 4.1 of the pupil premium conditions of grant for further details.



In June 2026, an initial allocation will be calculated using the number of children looked after for at least one day, as recorded in the March 2025 children looked-after data return (SSDA903) and aged 4 to 15 on 31 August 2023. The first two payments will use this data.

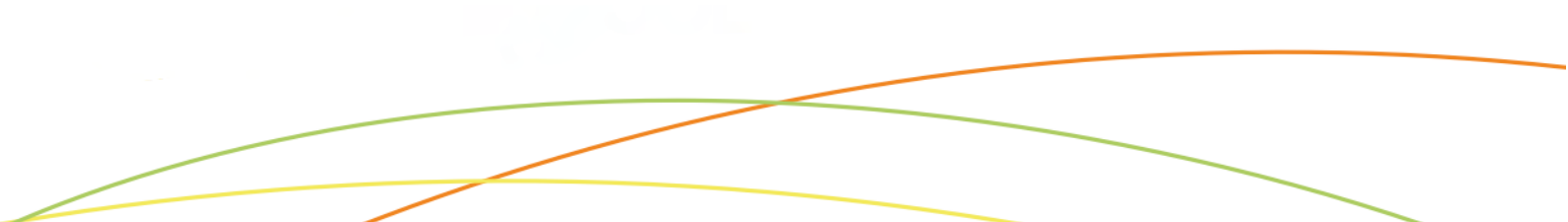
From December 2026, we will use the number of children looked after for at least one day during the year ending March 2026, as recorded in the March 2026 children looked-after data return (SSDA903) and aged 4 to 15 on 31 August 2024 to produce an updated allocation. The third and fourth payments will use this data.

Service children

Students in state-funded schools in England attract the service pupil premium (SPP) if they meet any of the following criteria:

- one of their parents is serving in the regular armed forces (including students with a parent who is on full commitment as part of the full-time reserve service) or is in the armed forces of another nation and is stationed in England – and they have been registered as a ‘service child’ in the most recent autumn Department for Education (DfE) school census
- they do not currently have ‘service child’ status, but they have been registered as a ‘service child’ on any DfE school census in the past 6 years
- one of their parents died while serving in the armed forces and the pupil receives a pension under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme or the War Pensions Scheme

For mainstream and special schools, the SPP for the 2026 to 2027 financial year will include students recorded in the October 2025 school census who have been recorded as a service child at any point since the January 2020 census, as well as those recorded as a service child for the first time in the October 2025 school census.



Rates For Eligible Students

The PP grant per pupil rates for the 2026 to 2027 financial year are set out below.

Pupils who are recorded as LAC or PLAC and FSM Ever 6 will attract the LAC or PLAC per pupil amount only. Eligible service children will attract the SPP rate in addition to any other pupil premium grant eligibility rate.

Disadvantaged pupils	Per pupil rate
Pupils in year groups reception to year 6 recorded as FSM Ever 6	£1,550
Pupils in years 7 to 11 recorded as FSM Ever 6	£1,100
Looked-after children (LAC)	£2,690
Previously looked-after children (PLAC)	£2,690

Service children	per pupil rate
Eligible service children in year groups reception to year 11	£360

How we apply the funding at Culcheth High School

This funding is primarily to enable schools to offer pastoral support and help mitigate the negative impact of family mobility or parental deployment. It can also be used to help improve the academic progress of eligible pupils if the school deems this to be a priority.

The way in which funding is spent is dictated to by the school; our mission at Culcheth High School is to always find the best suit for our cohort of students following the 'menu of approaches', ensuring students are challenged to be the best that they can be.

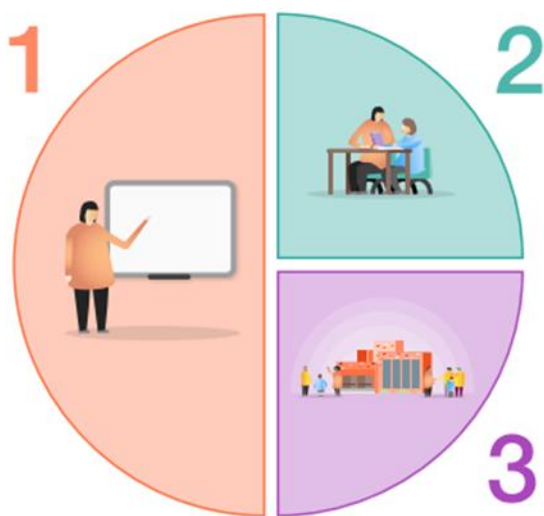
The 'menu of approaches' must align with the Education Endowment Foundation's (EEF's) evidence-informed tiered approach, which indicates that schools should allocate spending across three key areas:

- developing high-quality teaching, for example through professional development and recruitment and retention
- providing targeted academic support, such as one-to-one or small group tuition
- tackling non-academic barriers to academic success, such as difficulties with attendance, behaviour and social and emotional wellbeing

EEF Strategies we implement in all that we do:

1. High quality teaching

Spending on developing high quality teaching may include investment in professional development, training and support for early career teachers, along with recruitment and retention. Ensuring an effective teacher is in front of every class, and that every teacher is supported to keep improving, is the key ingredient of a successful school and should rightly be a top priority for pupil premium spending.



2. Targeted academic support

Evidence consistently shows the positive impact that targeted academic support can have, including on those who are not making good progress, or those who have been disproportionately impacted by the effects of the pandemic. Considering how classroom teachers and teaching assistants can provide targeted academic support, such as linking structured small group interventions to classroom teaching and the curriculum, is likely to be an essential ingredient of an effective pupil premium strategy.

3. Wider strategies

Wider strategies relate to the most significant non-academic challenges to success in school, including attendance, behaviour, and social and emotional support, which also may negatively impact upon academic attainment. Given the impact of the pandemic, issues such as securing high levels of attendance may be more prominent for schools as they develop their strategy. While many challenges may be common between schools, it is also likely that the specific features of the community each school serves will affect spending in this category.

➤ Pupil Premium at CHS

CHS currently has 263 pupil premium students in Years 7-11.

Pupil premium students account for 20% of our school population.

Pupil premium students are by no means the *only* group where we monitor progress closely, but they are a key group for the school to which we apply vast amounts of resources and interventions.

We are extremely proud to say we have a dedicated team of five staff members, with high levels of experience and expertise, that monitors the pupil premium students throughout all key stages.

Primary V Secondary

Primary and secondary schools tend to allocate pupil premium funds differently. Some primaries may choose to allocate the money to 'the head' of the student, due to their smaller cohort sizes. Secondaries use the resources where they see fit for the greater good of the

entire cohort's attainment. We are also given the monies in financial years NOT school years. We therefore often have more pupil premium students than we receive money for.

Equity V Equality

At Culcheth High School, we believe in equity over equality. This means recognising that every child is different and may need different levels of support to achieve their full potential.

Our Pupil Premium provision is tailored to meet each student's individual needs, remove barriers to learning and provide opportunities that support their progress, confidence and personal development.

The Pupil Premium Team uses funding directly to enhance your child's cultural capital by providing a range of experiences and opportunities that enrich their education. These include:

- In-school events and enrichment activities.
- #WeAreCHS reward trips and experiences.
- External educational visits and school trips.
- Extracurricular clubs and activities.
- Opportunities that help students develop new interests, skills and confidence.



Whilst the Support Fund is available to all eligible Pupil Premium students, we kindly ask parents and carers to consider whether there is a genuine need before making a request.

There is no expectation that every family should use their full allowance. Our approach is based on equity rather than equality, meaning support is provided according to individual needs rather than every student receiving the same provision.

Our aim is to make sure that Pupil Premium funding is used effectively to remove financial barriers, broaden students' experiences and give every child the opportunity to succeed.

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Pupil Premium Progress Leader and Teacher of Physical Education

Miss K McFadden

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Key Stage 4 Pupil Premium Mentor and Children in Care Lead

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To contact the Pupil Premium Team as a whole, please use ppteam@culchethhigh.org.uk



Pupil Premium Support Fund 2026/27

Every academic year, Culcheth High School makes a Support Fund of up to £60.00 available to each student eligible for Pupil Premium (PP).

The Support Fund is intended to help remove financial barriers and support students' progress, participation and achievement in school throughout the academic year.

Considerations

Whilst the Support Fund is available to all students eligible for Pupil Premium, we kindly ask parents and carers to consider whether there is a genuine need before submitting a request.

The fund is intended to provide financial assistance where it is needed to support a student's education and progress in school. There is no expectation or requirement to use the full £60 allowance each year.

What can I request from the Support Fund?

Item/Activity	Allowance
School Uniform	Maximum of one of each branded item within the allocated amount
Educational Visits	Can not be used for deposits. Once deposit has been paid and accepted for a trip you can use up to £50 towards the cost
#WeareCHS events	School time activities only
Prom Ticket	Subject to previous support requests
Food Technology Voucher	KS3- £25 KS4- £35
Music Lessons	KS3- 25% Discount KS4- 50% Discount

Students may also authorise payments from their Support Fund towards essential school items, such as planners, ties and water bottles.

Terms and Conditions

- The maximum amount available to each eligible student is £60 per academic year. All requests are subject to the student's previous requests.
- Requests should only be made where there is a genuine need and the item or activity will support the student's education, progress or participation in school.
- Any unused funds cannot be carried forward into the following academic year due to financial regulations and restrictions.
- The deadline for using the Support Fund for the 2026/27 academic year is Friday 2 July 2027.

- Parents and carers can submit uniform requests during the designated order windows outlined below. For other Support Fund requests, please contact the Pupil Premium Team directly.

School Uniform Orders

If you would like to use the Support Fund towards the cost of school uniform, please complete the Pupil Premium Uniform Order Form, available on the school website under:

Curriculum → SEND → Pupil Premium Uniform Order

Uniform Order Windows

There will be two designated windows during the 2026/27 academic year in which parents and carers can request uniform through the Pupil Premium Support Fund.

Window 1	
Autumn Term	3 rd September 2026- 18 th December 2026
Window 2	
Summer Term	12 th April 2027 - 2 nd July 2027

Uniform orders must be submitted during one of these two windows. All requests are subject to the student's remaining Support Fund requests and the eligibility criteria outlined above.

Processing your order

Once your order form has been submitted, a member of the Pupil Premium Team will review your request and check your remaining Support Fund balance.

If sufficient funds are available, your order will be processed by our Finance Department. If your order exceeds the £60 allowance or your remaining balance, the Pupil Premium Team will contact you to discuss which items can be covered by the fund.

Collection of uniform

All uniform ordered through the school's online order form will be delivered directly to school.

You will be contacted when your order is ready. Students can collect their uniform from the Pupil Premium Office, or parents and carers can arrange collection from school reception at a convenient time by contacting the Pupil Premium Team.

Exchanges and returns

If you need to exchange or return uniform purchased through the school order form, please return the items to school reception in their original packaging, with all labels intact. Our school shop will then process the exchange or return.



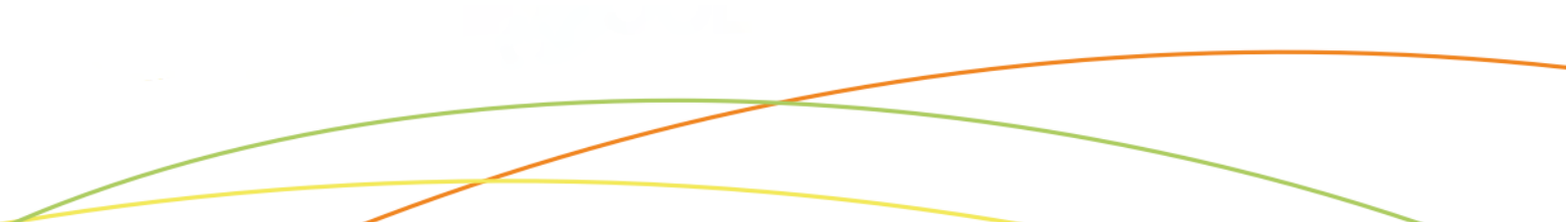
Pre-Loved Uniform

Pupil Premium students will be given priority access to all available pre-loved uniform stock.

Where families require more than one of a particular uniform item, or where there are insufficient funds remaining in a student's Support Fund, pre-loved uniform may be offered as an alternative.

All items are subject to stock availability.

We welcome donations of good-quality uniform bearing the Culcheth High School logo, including blazers, skirts, ties and PE kits.



➤ Pupil Premium Curriculum

The Pupil Premium Team has designed a bespoke programme of support to enhance your child's learning, personal development and experiences as they progress from Year 7 through to Year 11. Each year group has been carefully considered to ensure that the support and opportunities provided meet students' needs at every stage of their school journey.

Year 7

English Form Time Booster with subject specialist
Maths Form Time Booster with subject specialist
Academic 1:1 mentor sessions
Talk the talk -Pizza Event
Christmas Family Bake off
Christmas Reward Trip
Summer Reward Trip
Swimming Programme
Horse Riding Programme
VIP Access to Schooltastic Book Fair
25% music tuition Discount

Year 8

English Form Time Booster with subject specialist
Maths Form Time Booster with subject specialist
Academic 1:1 mentor sessions
Christmas Reward Trip
Summer Reward Trip
All Aboard Rowing Programme
Swimming Programme
25% Music Tuition Discount

Year 9

English Form Time Booster with subject specialist
Maths Form Time Booster with subject specialist
Academic 1:1 mentor sessions
Option Selection Meeting
Christmas Reward Trip
Summer Reward Trip
Personal Training - Group Sessions
University Challenge Days
25% Music Tuition Discount

➤ Pupil Premium Curriculum KS4

Year 10 and Year 11

English Form Time Booster with subject specialist

Maths Form Time Booster with subject specialist

Academic 1:1 mentor sessions

Pre-learning sessions

ICT Support – laptop provision (Year 10) *Some

Priority careers appointments

Revision study pack

Revision materials

Revision workshops

Revision pledge (Year 11)

Core subject revision guides

Field trips - compulsory

University visits

College taster days

University challenge days

Grab and Go Breakfast Club

50% music tuition discount for GCSE Music students

Please note all events subject to the following factors

Behaviour and attendance
Capacity availability
Financial Budget

➤ Pupil Premium Booster Programme

Our Booster Programme forms the backbone of the academic support we provide to our Pupil Premium students throughout Key Stages 3 and 4. These carefully designed sessions aim not only to help students make progress towards their next grade in English and Maths, but also to build their confidence through pre-learning, giving them a valuable head start on topics before they are introduced in their usual lessons.

If your son or daughter is selected to attend a Booster session, please do not be concerned. Selection is a positive and proactive step, allowing us to make the best use of the resources available to provide additional, targeted support and help your child achieve their full academic potential.

Each Booster session is bespoke, carefully planned and delivered by subject specialists. The Pupil Premium Team works closely with these colleagues to ensure that our Booster curriculum complements and runs alongside the learning taking place in the classroom. This allows us to reinforce key knowledge, address gaps in understanding and build students' confidence, ensuring that the additional support they receive is both purposeful and relevant to their current learning.

How does the Booster programme work?

Our Booster Programme runs across three rounds throughout the academic year. Your son or daughter may be selected to participate in all three rounds, two rounds or just one, depending on their individual learning needs and the progress they are making.

This flexible approach allows the Pupil Premium Team to regularly review students' progress and identify where additional support will have the greatest impact. By carefully selecting students for each round, we can ensure that our Booster sessions remain focused, purposeful and responsive to individual needs.

Booster Timetable

Monday – Year 7 Literacy Year 10 Maths and English

Tuesday – Year 7 Maths and English

Wednesday – Year 8 Maths and English

Thursday – Year 9 and Year 11 Maths and English

Friday – Year 11 Maths and English

Students selected to attend will be informed of their allocated sessions and the round in which they will participate.



Meet our Booster Team

Miss Giblin – Head of English

Miss McFadden – Teacher of English and KS4 Pupil Premium Academic Mentor

Mrs Spencer – Teacher of English

Mrs Crooks – Head of Maths

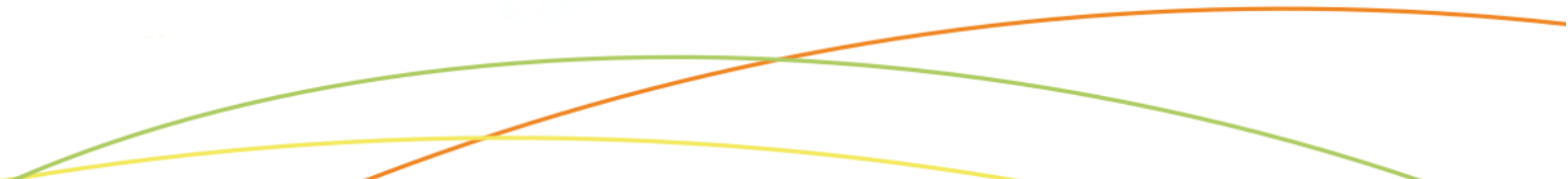
Mrs O'Shea – Teacher of Maths

Mr Cowan – Teacher of MFL

Our subject specialists work closely with the Pupil Premium Team to ensure that each round of Booster sessions is carefully planned and aligned with the curriculum students are studying in their usual lessons. Their expertise enables us to deliver high-quality, personalised academic support that responds to students' individual learning needs.

Our commitment to your child

Our aim is simple: to ensure that every Pupil Premium student has access to the additional support, encouragement and opportunities they need to succeed. Through our carefully planned Booster Programme, we strive to develop confident, independent learners, close gaps in understanding and help every student make meaningful progress towards their next grade.



➤ Free School Meals

From September 2026, some children will receive free school meals without qualifying for Pupil Premium. This means that not every child receiving free school meals will automatically be eligible to request aid from the Support Fund.

If your child has previously qualified for Pupil Premium, they may still be eligible even if your household circumstances have changed. Previous eligibility can continue to count for up to six years under the Ever 6 rules.

Not sure if your child qualifies?

Please contact our Pupil Premium Team, who can check your child's eligibility and advise you about the support available.

If your child qualifies for Free School Meals, your child's account will have £3.00 automatically added daily to enable them to purchase their lunch for the day. Please note, any money not spent that day will not roll over. Should you wish to top up your child's account with additional funds, you can use the ParentPay app. Students have a £5.00 limit spend per day.

What can my child buy with their FSM money?

Hot Deal of the day (Varies daily)/Cold deal of the day

&

Biscuit

& 125ml Juice Carton/125ml water

Breakfast Club

Many studies have linked eating breakfast to good health, improved memory and higher levels of concentration. All pupil premium students have the option to attend our Breakfast Club 'Grab & Go' service every morning, whether they are FSM or not. Breakfast club is located in the Library (ILC) between 8.25 and 8.38am. Students will be offered a continental option such as a cereal bar along with a drink. Students do not need an invite, and no money will be discounted from their accounts.

Food Technology Support

If you request help from the support fund to help to support the costing of food technology ingredients, please request via letter or email, indicating your wish to subsidise the support fund allocated to your child. You will be able to select which supermarket you wish to receive an e-voucher from. Costings have been calculated according to which year group your child is in. Items such as flour, margarine, oil, sugar, eggs will not need to be purchased, as the PP Team will ensure these items are stocked at school. Therefore, all fresh items highlighted in the recipe booklet will need to be purchased by the student prior to their food technology lesson. The allocated amount that can be deducted from your child's voucher is as follows:

KS3 (Year 7-9) - £25.00

KS4 (Year10-11) - £35.00



➤ Contact

If you would like to request support or have any questions about the Pupil Premium Support Fund, please contact the Pupil Premium Team directly.

We understand that families' circumstances can change throughout the academic year. The Support Fund is available to provide assistance when it is genuinely needed, helping ensure that financial circumstances do not prevent students from accessing educational opportunities.

Should you wish to contact the PP Team please use the details below, and we will endeavour to get back to you within 48 hours.

Email: ppteam@culchethhigh.org.uk

Phone: 01925 767587 ask to be put through to the PP Team

Finally, the PP team will be at the following events across this upcoming term. Please don't hesitate to come and find our location if it's an in-school event or book a virtual appointment via school cloud.

Thursday 1st October 2026 - Open Evening

Thursday 15th October 2026 - Pastoral Evening (virtual)

Thank you for taking the time to read this document and the PP Team wish your child the most success for this academic year.

