



SKEGNESS ACADEMY

About Us

Pupil Premium

The Pupil Premium was introduced in 2011. The Pupil Premium is a sum of money given to schools each year by the Government to improve the attainment of disadvantaged children. This is based on research showing that children from low-income families perform less well at school than their peers. Often, children who are entitled to Pupil Premium face challenges such as poor language and communication skills, lack of confidence and issues with attendance and punctuality. The Pupil Premium is intended to directly benefit the children who are eligible, helping to narrow the gap between them and their classmates regardless of their background or financial situation.



At the Skegness Academy our strategy is intended to ensure all students, irrespective of their background, needs or challenges encounter the same resources and opportunities to progress and achieve high attainment levels across the curriculum.

The staff at the Skegness Academy are constantly evaluating and improving their practice via high quality professional development to improve outcomes for all students and, as always, we have a key focus upon our most disadvantaged, to ensure learning gains are constantly being made. We encourage students to develop skills, improve their performance, raise aspirations, and expand their horizons. We are committed to poverty proofing the academy and therefore, believe that every student should be able to experience an outstanding curriculum, trips to broaden their cultural experiences and engage in a range of extra-curricular activities.



The Skegness Academy also provides bespoke support on the following:

- Transport costs
- Uniform requirements
- Equipment and resources
- School trips / residentials
- Enrichment activities (e.g., singing, boxing and swimming)
- Breakfast Club

Free School Meals (FSM)

We want to make sure that we are providing your child with the best education and support we can. Healthy school food has obvious health benefits and can help students establish healthy habits for life. Healthy school food can also help to improve students' readiness to learn. Families who are currently paying for school meals will save around £450 a year for each child if they are entitled to free school meals.

Use the QR code to the right to see if your children are eligible for Free School Meals. Claiming free school meals also helps the school. We get extra funding, known as the Pupil Premium, for every eligible student who are registered to fund valuable support such as:



- Running catch-up sessions before or after school, for example for students who need extra help with maths or literacy.
- Running a school breakfast club to improve attendance.
- Providing extra tuition.
- Funding educational trips and visits.
- Investing in resources that boost students learning, such as laptops or tablets.
- Additional teaching staff
- After school activities
- Equipment and uniform
- Revision materials
- Musical instrument hire and tuition
- Individualised support

Young Carers

Here at the Skegness Academy, we are proud of our bespoke support on offer to our Young Carers and the amazing work Young Carers do. Every other Tuesday in school, Young Carers can get together to celebrate and have a check in to see if extra support is needed. We try to fundraise throughout the year so that we can take Young Carers out in the community.

We understand that Young Carers have so much responsibility and there is evidence to see that Young Carers need extra support. As a school we are promoting Young Carers and to ensure that they are in school at the right time, we understand the list of jobs they do before school and after school and are aware they may have some extra worries that we can support with.

Looked After Children (LAC)

At the Skegness Academy we pride ourselves on the support we give our LAC students. We work closely with Virtual Schools to ensure education, attainment and progress is monitored to enable students to make at least the expected academic progress and fulfil their potential. Rigorous monitoring of the impact of targeted interventions takes place as part of the PEP (Personal Educational Plan) and our specially trained practitioners work closely with the care givers to deliver additional support through encouragement and nurture.

Funding is used to provide additional home tuition, gym memberships and we work with Beautiful Minds to provide bespoke mental health drawing and talking sessions. Furthermore, we use Letter Box Reading subscription, study guides and revision materials to enable students to access support with their revision and exam preparation.

The Skegness Academy provides high quality social emotional support and have a variety of books and games to aid with learning or to support physical, sensory or emotional needs.

The Pyramid Club takes place weekly and is open to our younger LAC students if they wish to attend.



Attendance

Regular and punctual attendance is an essential prerequisite to effective learning. When students are not in school, they are deprived of the educational opportunities which the academy has to offer them, and they are at greater risk of subsequently becoming socially excluded and disadvantaged.

The Skegness Academy recognises that attendance problems may be outside the control of the academy but may also lie within it, having their origin in the quality of education which that student is experiencing. As such, better attendance may be achieved by identifying and remedying problems in that individual's education.

The Skegness Academy's expectation is that all students achieve an attendance figure of 97% and strive for 100%.

At the Skegness Academy we will use a range of measures to praise and reward students who meet their attendance and punctuality targets. This will often include achievement assemblies where students will receive recognition and reward for high levels of attendance and excellent punctuality.



Safeguarding & Wellbeing

Safeguarding

The Skegness Academy has a dedicated and caring Safeguarding Team who are on hand to support and follow processes in order to keep our students safe.

Our Team is made up of a Designated Safeguarding Lead, Deputy Safeguarding Lead and Mental Health Lead and two Family Key Workers who offer targeted intervention to families who are open to services.

As the Skegness Academy is part of the East Coast group of GAT schools, our team work closely with our Primary academies to provide support to families of children from 3-19 across all phases of education.



Our Team is equipped with a wealth of local knowledge and therefore able to signpost to local services which can support not only our students but their families as a whole. We work with a range of providers to ensure our students get the support they require, this includes:

- Trained in house Social and Emotional specialists;
- Trained counsellors who work on site;
- Access to Family Services e.g. Family Key Workers and Behaviour Support Services.

Furthermore, students can access external agencies such as

- Here 4 You;
- CAMHS;
- Lincolnshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust Mental Health Support Team.

If at any point you have a concern about your child's or a student's welfare, please contact the academy so we can offer advice and start support at the earliest opportunity.

Wellbeing

At the Skegness Academy we pride ourselves on our pastoral care. Each student is treated as an individual and the pastoral and safeguarding teams offer care and guidance to support with their wellbeing. We understand that some students may need that extra bit of support in school, and we have a variety of support options in school to help with this.



We have a trained Mental health lead that can signpost and advise when your child is suffering with their mental health or when you're not sure what next steps to take. Our Mental Health Lead has networks to outside agencies and a bank of resources to build an individual support plan that is bespoke to every individual student's needs.

Our specially trained staff work with the pastoral team to provide a triangulated approach to wellbeing in order to recognise the signs when our students are struggling, as early intervention is vital. Mental health difficulties can be reinforced within a child and develop into their adult life. This leads to negative effects such as unemployment, as well as financial or debt-related issues. This is why we are devoted to work towards a whole school approach to mental health to further facilitate positive change for our students.

Support includes advice and support from our Mental Health Lead when you are uncertain of whether your child needs support, to enable the best course of action. External networks to outside agencies to provide counselling and specialist support at different levels to suit individual needs. Internal support including, support plans, interventions, resources, signposting, guidance and wellbeing sessions.

Parent Pay

The Academy is a cashless site, so students use their fingerprint to pay for meals in the Bistro and Parents use ParentPay to put money on their child's accounts and also use it to pay for trips, uniform and any other school related costs.

Parents are required to consent when their child first starts at the Academy to take their fingerprint. This allows students the freedom to manage their accounts and choose how to spend their allowance at lunch time or break time. Students who are eligible for Free School Meals will have their daily allocation put on their account automatically each day.

ClassCharts

ClassCharts is an innovative behaviour tool the Skegness Academy uses as its online platform to manage both the positive and the negative behaviour students display.

Teachers at the Skegness Academy use the platform to award positive behaviour points and issue negative behaviour points in an easy to read and simple to analyse format to view.

Additionally, ClassCharts is the location where homework is set and recorded for students and parents to view and track. Parents are able to download the app and view their child's school day live to the lesson!

