## **Child Poverty**

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## **Stockton Current Context**

Challenges/ barriers identified in Pupil Premium Strategy Statements

- Poor home conditions
- Eviction
- Poor diet/ hunger
- Inadequate clothing
- Lack of equipment
  O Homes with few/ no books to stimulate an interesting in reading
- Access to IT
  - Computer/ tablet
  - Data
  - Parent/ carer IT skills to support





## What we are doing

**Education Improvement Service** 

- Strengthened partnership with Catalyst
  <u>Link: VCSE Directory Catalyst Stockton</u>
- Strengthened links with Infinity Partnership
- Healthy Schools Programme
- DWP vouchers (next slide)
- Promotion of School Uniform Bill
  - Headteachers and Principals
  - Pupil Premium Leads
  - Governors and trustees



# Vouchers

Stockton context

Value	Period	Pupil FSM/Vulnerable registered?	Number of vouchers distributed
£50	Christmas 2020	8037/666	8711
£25	Feb Half Term 2021	8207/720	8935
£25	Easter 2021	8303/250	9065
£20	May 2021	8462/739	9201
£70	Summer 2021	8579/ 719	9298
£80	Christmas 2021	8693/722	9415 *1.12.21 Current numbers



## What we are doing now

Empower staff to promote FSM take up to vulnerable families

- Linked with SBC Communications
- Promote FSM eligibility criteria via:
  - Parent/ carer displays in the school environment
  - Newsletters
  - School websites
  - PSAs
  - Administrative staff
  - Customer Services eligibility checker support



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### Via wider partnerships

- VCSE
- Family Hubs
- Family Action
- 0-19 service staff
- Food Power Network
- Public Health



## What are we doing now

Access to IT

- Distribution of DfE computers/ tablets in collaboration with ONE IT
- Empowered senior leaders to challenge allocations if needed
- Secured additional resources via Middlesbrough and Teesside Philanthropic Foundation
- Flagged additional DfE funding opportunity for data
- Flagged need for parent/ carer IT skills support with Adult Learning and Skills Lead



## What we are doing now

**Events/ Training** 

Share research and evidence-based action

#### Via training:

- Termly Closing the Gap Clusters
- Pupil Premium Leadership CPD
- Governors' Pupil Premium Challenge and Support CPD
- Pupil Premium Conditions of Grant CPD
- Personal Development Network (primary/ secondary)
- Parental Engagement CPD



### **Solutions/ Recommendations**

- Strengthen coherence of multi-agency response
  - Infinity Partnership
  - Catalyst et al
- Strengthen proactive targeting, support and intervention
- Strengthen signposting of support
- And?



## Any questions?









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