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



What we are doing now

Empower staff to promote FSM take up to vulnerable families

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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