

Introduction

Bigland Green Primary School offers 'Life Skills' sessions to selected pupils based on their learning needs. The sessions are not part of the normal school hours, and are funded by pupil premium funding. This funding is allocated to all schools to diminish the gap between disadvantaged and other pupils. The criteria used for the selection of pupils are detailed below.

Criteria used for the selection of pupils

The school uses the following criteria to select pupils for the Life Skills sessions:

1. pupils who are new to the English language
2. pupils new to schooling or the English education system
3. pupils who lack the language skills that cannot be taught through quality-first teaching in the classroom

Pupils who have an older brother or sister attending Bright Minds are not automatically entitled to attend the Life Skills sessions. In this situation, parents must complete the slip below and make a request. Each case will be considered on its own merit. The school will use the following criteria and prioritise pupils:

- who live more than 2.0 miles away from the school, and;
- families who have a short-term exceptional circumstance.

Financial contribution towards the sessions

Pupils who meet the above criteria will not be charged. Pupils who do not meet the above criteria but want to attend the sessions will need to make a contribution of £5 per week (per child) and pay half-termly in advance.

Arrangements and organisation

Life Skills sessions are currently delivered on Tuesday to Friday between 8:00 and 9:00 AM. The pupils are taught by the Learning Mentor and the mentoring assistant(s) in mixed ability groups. The focus is on the teaching of early reading skills, and social interactions through games and role play.

Parental **request** for a place in Life Skills sessions

Name of child: Class: Siblings:

I meet one or more of the above criteria (please stage which one)

I will contribute £5 per week towards the sessions

The reasons for which a place is being requested

Signature of parent:

Date: