

Featherstone is a large, 3 form entry primary school with 720 places, including a Speech and Language Base and a Nursery. With nearly 96% EAL pupils and being in an area with a high level of deprivation, we continually seek to engage pupils in their learning and to support parents to provide safe and accessible learning opportunities beyond the school gates.

Our school has a very low uptake of free school meals, compared to eligibility. We have advertised the eligibility of pupil premium heavily but not always been successful in increasing uptake.

We decided to offer free subscriptions to Mathletics as part of the incentive to drive Mathletics uptake. We also advertised the very large difference between individual subscriptions for families and the price of the school-based subscription. Parents were very keen for their children to continue receiving



their certificates and recognition

whilst acknowledging that due to tighter budgetary constraints, they were being asked to pay a small license fee.

The use of Mathletics in this way also helped to increase uptake of Free School Meals and increase our Pupil Premium grant.

Parents were very keen to take advantage of this, especially as they had seen the benefits of using Mathletics so much previously.

We have enjoyed the learning opportunities that Mathletics has afforded our pupils, and the friendly competition it provides through Live Mathletics. The pitch and challenge match the high curricular expectations perfectly and the learning resources behind the main portal for teachers offer a well-aligned selection of activities and pre-made resources to stretch and support pupils alike.

The ease of which we can assess and analyse our pupils' results and set homework and assessment tasks have all helped to enhance our teaching.

Most importantly, our maths results have improved year-on-year over the last 3 years, which I partly attribute to our pupils' continued use of Mathletics.



Graham's tips for other schools who may be struggling to fund resources:

- Persevere! Always highlight the financial benefits of having a subscription
- Offer Mathletics at an even further reduced rate/ free for Pupil Premium receivers
- Hand out the weekly certificates and celebrate achievement!
- Hold a raffle or other event to raise funds for Mathletics
- Train parents – show them what Mathletics is and how good it is for their children. Link the usage to results achieved in assessments.

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