

St Laurence's Catholic Primary School

Pupil Premium Policy

OVERVIEW

At St Laurence's Catholic Primary School, we believe that all our children have an equal entitlement, and should have an equal opportunity to:

- * Develop imagination and creativity
- * Acquire skills and abilities
- * Have a love of learning

The school receives funding from the Government to support it in trying to meet this aspiration. This is known as Pupil Premium.

Pupil Premium is additional funding, from the Government, provided to schools for supporting more pupils from low income families to ensure they benefit from the same opportunities as all other children. There are three categories of children that qualify for Pupil Premium:

- * Children who are eligible for free school meals (FSM)
- * Looked after children
- * Armed forces children

The Pupil Premium was introduced in April 2011, and paid to local authorities by means of a specific grant based on January School Census figures for pupils registered as eligible for FSM in reception to Year 11. For looked after children the Pupil Premium was calculated using the Children looked after data returns (SSDA903). A premium has also been introduced for children whose parents are currently serving in the armed forces; this was £200 in 2011-2012 and rose to £250 for 2012-2013. This service premium is designed to address the emotional and social wellbeing of these pupils.

The Pupil Premium is additional to main school funding and it will be used to address any underlying inequalities between children eligible for free school meals (FSM) and children who have been looked after continuously for more than six months and others by ensuring that funding reaches the pupils who need it most.

OBJECTIVES

1. The additional funding will be used to address any underlying inequalities between children eligible for Pupil Premium and others.
2. We will ensure that the additional funding reaches the pupils who need it the most.
3. The Pupil Premium will be used to provide additional educational support to raise the standard of achievement for these pupils.

STRATEGIES

1. Pupil Premium will be clearly identified within the budget.
2. The Head Teacher, in consultation with the Governors and staff, will decide how the Pupil Premium is spent for the benefit of entitled pupils.
3. The school will assess what additional provision should be made for the individual pupils.
4. The school will be accountable for how it has used the additional funding to support the achievement of those pupils covered by the Pupil Premium.
5. From September 2014, we will publish online information about how we have used the Pupil Premium.
6. We will ensure that parents and other are made fully aware of the attainment of pupils covered by the Premium.
7. We will seek to further develop strategies and interventions which can improve the progress and attainment of these pupils.
8. We will track the impact of the strategies put into place through the funding to ensure that we can show the value that has been added to the education of the entitled children.

OUTCOMES

This policy will play an important part in the educational development of the individual pupils who are entitled to the Pupil Premium. We will ensure that these pupils are treated equally and as favourably as others and that the additional funding is used well to address the challenges they face. The school will use the additional funding to promote the achievement and progress of all entitled pupils.

Through wise use of this additional funding we are fully committed to ensuring that the individual needs of each entitled child are met. As a result of the additional funding, these children will make better progress and achieve higher standards that would have been likely without it.

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