



## **PUPIL PREMIUM POLICY**

'Pupil Premium' is additional funding given to schools from DfE which means that schools receive an extra amount of funding per pupil based on the number of pupils eligible for free school meals (FSM), Looked After Children or Previously Looked After Children (now adopted). It also includes all children who have been eligible for FSM within the last 6 years and children of service personnel.

The targeted and strategic use of pupil premium at St. Mary & St. Thomas Aquinas will support us in achieving our vision;

- ensuring that teaching and learning opportunities meet the needs of all pupils,
- appropriate provision is made for all pupils who belong to vulnerable groups, this includes the needs of socially disadvantaged pupils,
- Addressing underlying inequalities, as far as possible, between pupils,
- Narrowing the gap between pupil's educational achievement/attainment and that of their peers,
- To work in partnership with parents/carers of the pupils to ensure their success.

### **Pupil Premium Allocation**

2019 – 2020	£35,900
2020 – 2021	£28,420
2021 – 2022	£36,705

### **Provision**

- Providing professional support and strategies for those pupils experiencing poor levels of emotional well-being and lack of resilience.
- providing small group work with an experienced teacher or teaching assistant focussed on overcoming gaps in learning,
- Reducing class sizes where appropriate,
- 1 -1 support for identified pupils,
- Additional teaching and learning opportunities provided through teaching assistants or external agencies,
- Focused work with identified groups of pupils in the core subjects of Mathematics and English with a particular focus on the teaching of Phonics and Reading.



- Financial support for vulnerable pupils to allow them to access Breakfast Club and After School Club,
- Financial support for vulnerable pupils to allow them to access educational visits off site,

All work through the pupil premium will be aimed at accelerating progress, moving pupils to at least age - related expectations.

### **Impact**

The impact of Pupil Premium is monitored half termly and termly through tracking and pupil progress meetings and will show improved pupil progress.

Pupil Premium has enabled all disadvantaged children to achieve at least expected progress across the key stage in reading, writing and maths, which bettered other pupils nationally.

The impact of Pupil Premium will be reviewed on a termly basis and the policy reviewed annually.

If your child is in Key stage 2 and does not have a Free School meal, but may be eligible because of your family income level, please contact the school office (*in confidence*) to register them. Even if you do not wish your child to have a free school meal, it would mean that school could still claim Pupil Premium funding which may be used to help your child.

**Click on the link below if you wish to find out more about Pupil Premium**

**<https://www.gov.uk/pupil-premium-information-for-schools-and-alternative-provision-settings>**