

St Raphael's Catholic Primary School
Pupil Premium Report
October 2013



St Raphael's RC Primary School receives additional Pupil Premium Funding from the government for children in receipt of Free School Meals (FSM) and any Looked after Children (LAC).

The school is eligible to receive additional funding for all children registered for free school meals, now or in the past five years. We will be writing to all parents regarding free school meal entitlements in due course, just registering means that the school gets extra money.

The purpose of the funding is to raise aspirations, improve progress, increase achievement and promote the well-being of these children.

The DfE has provided guidance and on the best ways to support FSM and LAC children and this has been taken into account when budgeting spending for the 2013-2014 academic year. As a school we are accountable for reporting on pupil premium and how this fund will be utilised over the next 12 months.

St Raphael's Pupil Premium funding for 2013-14 is £32,400

The Governing Body of the school have decided that this funding should be spent as follows:

To create a fund for children entitled to Free School Meals – now or in the past five years and use this to support:

- School trips, school uniform, books to promote reading and other identified opportunities to boost learning.
- Opportunities, where identified, for children to gain aspiration, character and cultural advantage through extracurricular, enrichment and out of school activities.
- Provide individual musical instrument hire and tuition.

To support and promote children's well-being and learning in school and in the classroom by;

- Ensuring correct resources and support are available to promote parental engagement.
- Introducing dedicated PSHE time into the school curriculum, supported by a dedicated member of staff to work with the children in school as required.

- Linking attainment data to attendance and behaviour, enabling school to work with, and support families in ensuring excellent levels of attendance and behaviour.
- Investing significantly in provision of and access to IT equipment and applications to provide access for all and create greater learning opportunities.
- Providing dedicated leadership time to ensure that children who qualify for FSM have their needs clearly identified and their progress closely monitored enabling support to be implemented for these children to ensure they reach their potential
- Investing significantly in Literacy, introducing a new phonics scheme and new reading books to create better readers and maintain motivation to read in school and at home.
- Supporting further intervention in learning when this would help a FSM child reach their potential, including 1-2-1 support and external specialised support services available to school.
- Providing training to develop school staff in their understanding and knowledge of working best with FSM children.

We are confident this is contributing to raising attainment for these children.

We also assure parents that all matters regarding use of the pupil premium fund are treated with discretion and in confidence.