

St Raphael's Catholic Primary School
Pupil Premium Planned Spend Report
October 2014



St Raphael's Catholic 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 or in receipt of certain benefits, now or in the past five years. We regularly write to all parents regarding Pupil Premium eligibility and free school meal entitlements during the course of the year, just registering means that the school gets extra money. With the introduction of UIFSM in September 2014 claiming Pupil Premium funding is harder for school to claim and we work closely with families to ensure school maximises its Pupil Premium.

The purpose of the funding is to raise aspirations, improve progress, increase achievement and promote the well-being of these children in order that all children reach and exceed Age Related Expectations.

The DfE has provided guidance and on the best ways to support children in receipt of Pupil Premium children and this has been taken into account when budgeting spending for the 2014-2015 academic year, a full breakdown of spend will be provided in the end of year report. 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 2014-15 is currently £70,100.

The Leadership Team and Governing Body of the school have decided that the principles underpinning our Pupil Premium spend are;

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

- A dedicated member of staff to ensure we maximise attendance of Pupil Premium children, so that they can achieve their full potential.
- To allow this dedicated member of staff to liaise with families to ensure that all children are supported out of school in a variety of ways including homework support, school equipment and uniform.
- To provide capacity to release leaders to undertake a breadth of training, teaching and monitoring activities so that all Pupil Premium children;
 - Have one to one and small group interventions.
 - Are closely monitored and the individual children involved tracked.
 - Have access to staff who have undertaken training opportunities.
 - Have access to the wider curriculum and enrichment opportunities at St Raphael's.

We are confident and have evidence that this is contributing to substantial progress for these children and therefore narrowing the attainment gap with non Pupil Premium eligible children nationally.

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