

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY



PUPIL  
PREMIUM  
2016-2017

## **What is Pupil Premium?**

The Government defines Pupil Premium as “additional funding for publicly funded schools in England to raise the attainment of disadvantaged pupils and close the gap between them and their peers.”

For those children eligible for this grant in Reception to Year 6, we receive an additional £1320 per pupil.

If you fall in to anyone of the categories below, then your child is entitled to Free School Meals which triggers the funding. The funding then comes into school for the next 6 years. (Known as Ever6)

The current criteria for claiming free school meals are as follows:

- Income Support (IS)
- Employment and Support Allowance (Income Based)
- Child Tax Credit, provided the annual taxable income, as assessed by the Inland Revenue is not in excess of £16,190. Families who also receive an award of Working Tax Credit do not qualify to claim for free school meals
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Children who receive Income Support (IS) or Income Based Jobseekers Allowance in their own right are also entitled to receive free school meals

Children whose parents are in the Armed Forces, looked after by the Local Authority or who have been adopted from care may also qualify for this grant.

It is important that all parents who qualify for free school meals, including those children who currently receive free meals in Key Stage 1, register their child with the local authority because the additional funding means that the children can benefit from additional school support, a reduction on the cost of the school uniform and class trips. Please ask the school office for more information, or contact the County Council.

Send an e-mail to [freeschoolmeals@leics.gov.uk](mailto:freeschoolmeals@leics.gov.uk)  
Apply via telephone on 0116 305 6588 or 0116 305 7093

## **Why is this money available?**

Children who qualify to receive this money are believed to be in some ways 'disadvantaged' (a government term). The money is therefore available to ensure that children reach their true and full potential by allowing schools to spend it in ways that they believe to be effective for the children in their care. Schools have to show that they are using this money wisely and to improve educational outcomes for children.

At Sacred Heart, we use a number of systems to ensure that we are getting value for money and improving outcomes for children.

### **Planning**

All teacher's planning is expected to clearly state what is being done to support children who qualify for Pupil Premium to meet the expected learning standard or exceed it.

### **Tracking**

All children are tracked by class teachers with an overview taken by Mrs Atkins. In line with our data collection, children's progress is reviewed and appropriate strategies are put into place. Children who are in receipt of Pupil Premium have a high priority when teachers are planning interventions. They are discussed by name at every Pupil Progress Meeting and, as group, their progress is reported to Governors.

### **Intervention**

Interventions are tailored very specifically to children's needs and may involve one to one support or small group work with children who have a similar need. A group usually runs for a half term and the children focus upon a specific gap in a child's knowledge based on careful analysis of tests and data.

### **Website**

The school's website is a great source of information. It contains spending plans and impact of spending documents. The PowerPoint is updated half termly and can be found at [www.sacredheart.leics.sch.uk](http://www.sacredheart.leics.sch.uk)

### **Contact**

As well as your child's class teacher, Miss Winton or Mrs Atkins are always happy to discuss Pupil Premium funding. Appointments can be made to meet with any adult via the school office. The Parent Engagement Champion, Mrs Genco-Billington, is also available to discuss any concerns that you might have. We are always happy to talk with you about any ways that we can improve the education that we provide for your children.

## **What changes will there be in 2016-2017?**

**The money is to be spent on improving educational outcomes.**

**This year we plan to spend the money in the following ways:**

### **£200 Budget**

In the academic year 2016-2017, each child will have a budget of £200 that parents can access to contribute to the costs of music books, uniform, afterschool clubs and other enrichment opportunities. All trips will also come from this fund but school music costs will be paid for separately. **This is a change to the previous year.** This money would, for example, cover the cost of the large majority of a residential visit but would mean that parents would need to buy school uniform, contribute to school trips and pay for after school clubs.

School shoes can be provided upon request. If you choose to buy shoes, a contribution of up to £20 from this budget can be given to help. We will need the original receipt to keep in school. Money cannot be given up front.

### **Early Intervention**

We believe that the earlier we can ensure that children are meeting their potential the better their life chances will be. This year, we welcome back Mrs Keast who will be working with our younger children for two days per week. Our older children will benefit from additional support from Miss Winton and Mrs Atkins.

### **Home support**

Another key area that we plan to develop in the academic year beginning in August 2016, is to ensure that you have all of the tools to enable you to work with your children at home. The money will be used to help provide resources such as phonics cards. Please look out for further details.

All spending is planned for using the Education Endowment Fund as a guide as advised by the government to ensure that we are able to achieve the best educational outcomes for the value of money that is spent on them.