

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY



PUPIL
PREMIUM
2017-2018

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 Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income Support (IS)
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
- Support under part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 if you're an asylum seeker
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

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
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 a 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 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 good source of information. It contains spending plans and impact of spending documents.

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. If your child is in receipt of Pupil Premium, you may also make an appointment with our Pupil Premium teacher, Mrs Keast. We are always happy to talk with you about any ways that we can improve the education that we provide for your children.

What can we expect in 2017-18?

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 2017-18, 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 personal budget unless a contribution is made. The loaning of instruments in Years 4-6 will be paid for separately. 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. We continue to employ Mrs Keast who will be working with us for a day and a half per week.

Other ways the funding will be used this year:

- Developing consistency and teaching yet further through peer observation.
- Assessment material for Years 4 and 5 to help identify gaps in knowledge as well as strengths.
- Investment in specific interventions – for example, Dynamo Maths.
- Providing childcare during Parent Workshop times to enable greater attendance.

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.

Please see the school website for a full breakdown of the planned spending.