

## **Overview**

Pupil Premium was introduced in 2011 and paid by means of a specific grant based on school census figures. The grant is linked to any child eligible for free school meals within a six year period and was created to address the inequalities between the children who receive pupil premium and those children who do not receive pupil premium.

Pupil premium is calculated by the number of Free School Meal children at the school in addition to the number of Looked After Children who attend the school. A premium has also been introduced for children whose parents are currently serving in the Armed Forces. This premium is designed to help support the emotional and social well being of these pupils.

## **Objectives**

- **The pupil premium money will be used to provide additional educational support to improve the progress and to raise the standard of achievement for these pupils.**
- **The funding will be used to close the gap between the achievement of these pupils and their peers.**
- **The school will use the funding creatively to address inequality between pupils**
- **The school will use the funding to reach pupils who need it most and to impact on pupils educational experience.**

## **Strategies**

- **Pupil premium funding will be used within the budget to address priorities**
- **The Head Teacher in consultation with the Pupil Premium Champion, Senior Staff and the Governors will decide how the money will be allocated.**
- **The school will decide what provision will be made for individual children.**
- **The school will account for how the funding has been used.**
- **Information will be published from 2012 about how the premium has been used.**
- **The attainment of pupils covered by the premium will be closely monitored.**
- **The school will seek to develop strategies and interventions which can improve the progress and attainment of these pupils.**
- **The impact of strategies will be tracked in order to make some assessment of value for money.**
- **We will monitor, evaluate and review the success of the impact of the funding.**

### **Outcomes**

The use of pupil premium will play a vital part in the educational development of the pupils who are allocated pupil premium.

The school will make sure that pupils are treated fairly and that the resources are used to address the challenges that each pupil has to overcome.

The money will be used to promote the achievement and progress of all pupils paying particular attention to quality first teaching for all vulnerable groups.

### **Quality First Teaching**

Teachers need to monitor pupils carefully to avoid pupils falling behind academically.

Any pupils under-achieving will be closely monitored

Differentiated activities will be provided by class teachers to support progress.

The Pupil Premium Champion will monitor progress closely and provide support for class teachers.

Parents will be informed and encouraged to work closely with the school for the benefit of the pupils.

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary school is fully committed to ensuring that the needs of individual children are met.