



St Mary's C of E (VA) Primary School

Working together
in an inclusive Christian environment
to allow every pupil to shine brighter and brighter.

St Mary's is an inclusive school where we believe that all people are of equal value, irrespective of their ethnicity, culture, religion, gender, ability or sexual identity. We recognise and respect differences.

Pupil Premium Policy

This policy is GDPR compliant.

Date of issue: October 2021

Last reviewed/adopted: November 2025 (Standards Committee)

Next review date: Autumn 2027

Signed: _____

Date: _____

The Pupil Premium

The Pupil Premium is allocated by the government with a view to meeting the particular needs of 4 categories of pupils (collectively “premium pupils”):

- pupils from low-income families (to be identified by their having been eligible for free school meals at any time in the last 6 years – (‘Ever 6’) (FSM);
- children currently looked-after (CLA);
- children who leave care on an order (Post LAC);
- children whose parents are armed forces personnel.

The school is free to decide on the use made of the premium. However, schools are to be held accountable for how they have used the additional funding to support pupils.

Information regarding how we are spending our Pupil Premium and the impact that it is having is published on our school website and updated yearly.

Principles

The targeted and strategic use of Pupil Premium funding will support us in achieving our vision and aims.

- We ensure that teaching and learning opportunities meet the needs of all pupils
- We ensure that appropriate provision is made for pupils who belong to vulnerable groups
- We recognise that not all pupils who are socially disadvantaged are recognised for or qualify for free school meals. We may, therefore, allocate Pupil Premium funding to support any pupils or group of pupils that the school has legitimately identified as being socially disadvantaged, although any group will be made up by a proportion of children eligible for the Pupil Premium.
- Pupil premium funding will be allocated following needs analysis which will identify priority classes and groups

Provision

The aim is to reap the greatest benefits for the premium pupils from the extra funds, both individually and collectively. Innovative uses of the premium are encouraged. Provision may include:

- Enriching the curriculum: for example through workshops, artists or subsidised visits;
- Support targeted on identified needs through measures such as additional phonics, reading, educational programmes, software packages, One-to-One tuition, pastoral and emotional support, social skills groups;
- Facilitating appropriate extended school support, for example breakfast club, after school clubs, residential visits.

Monitoring, Accountability and Reporting

The Senior Leadership Team will report to the Governors each term on:

- use made of the funds provided and rationale for spend
- the impact of pupil premium spend, in particular as regards to closing any educational gaps

The Governors will ensure that the school publishes an annual statement on the school's website showing how the premium has been used in support of premium pupils.