POLICY FOR SUPPORTING DISADVANTAGED PUPILS
AND YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGH PUPIL PREMIUM

Responsibility: Governing Body

Approved on: 03/07/18

Signed: (Chair of Governors)

To be reviewed: Annually every March (or earlier if legislation changes)

Last reviewed: ________________

OVERVIEW

The Pupil Premium was introduced in April 2011, and paid by means of a specific grant based on our school census figures for pupils. Pupil Premium is calculated by the number of FSM pupils at our school; in addition to the number of looked after pupils, and those who are deemed to be ‘Post LAC’. This funding should be used to address the needs of these ‘disadvantaged’ pupils and young people and ensure they make at least expected progress in line with other pupils. A premium has also been introduced for pupils whose parents are currently serving in the armed forces which is designed to address the emotional and social well-being of these pupils.

The Pupil Premium is additional to main school funding and it will be used by our school to address any underlying inequalities between pupils eligible by ensuring that funding reaches the pupils who need it most.

Current funding arrangements for the Pupil Premium Grant are explained in detail at https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pupil-premium-conditions-of-grant-2018-to-2019

In summary, the funding is as follows:

- Pupils in year groups Reception to Rear 6 recorded as Ever 6 free school meals: £1,320
- Looked-after children (LAC) defined in the Children Act 1989 as one who is in the care of, or provided with accommodation by, an English local authority: £2,300
- Children who have ceased to be looked after by a local authority in England and Wales because of adoption, a special guardianship order, a child arrangements order or a residence order: £2,300
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- Pupils in year groups reception to year 11 recorded as Ever 6 service child or in receipt of a child pension from the Ministry of Defence: £300

Our school recognises the importance of this area and has identified a Senior Leader as Pupil Premium Champion to ensure the funding is used effectively and to liaise with Local Authority champions and local school leaders where necessary.

OBJECTIVES

- The Pupil Premium will be used to provide additional educational support to improve the progress and raise the standard of achievement for these pupils.
- The funding will be used to narrow and close the gap between the achievement of these pupils and non-Pupil Premium pupils within our school and nationally.
- We will ensure that the additional funding reaches those who need it most and that it makes a significant impact on their education and lives.
- We will monitor the progress of these pupils compared with national targets as reported in ASP (Analyse School Performance); strategies will be put in place where needed.

STRATEGIES

- Pupil Premium will be clearly identifiable within the budget.
- The Headteacher, in consultation with the governors and the Pupil Premium Champion, will decide how the Pupil Premium is spent for the benefit of entitled pupils.
- We will assess what additional provision should be made for the individual pupils.
- The St. Peter & St. Paul CE Primary School will be accountable for how it has used the additional funding to support the achievement of those pupils covered by the Pupil Premium and the Headteacher will report to the Local Governing Body and parents on how effective the intervention has been in achieving its aims.
- In accordance with government recommendations, we will publish a report on the use of Pupil Premium on the school’s website.
- We will ensure that parents, governors and others are made fully aware of the attainment of pupils covered by the Premium.
- We will seek to further develop strategies and interventions which can improve the progress and attainment of these pupils.
- We will ensure that the progress of these pupils and young people is at least good, and the gap between them and other pupils is closing.
- We will work in partnership with local and national Pupil Premium champions when necessary.
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- We will monitor and evaluate the impact of this funding in line with government and Ofsted guidelines.

OUTCOMES

This policy will play an important part in the educational development of the individual pupils who are entitled to Pupil Premium funding.

We will ensure that this funding is used well to address the challenges that disadvantaged pupils face and therefore close the gap in attainment between them and other pupils.

We will use the additional funding to promote the achievement and progress of all entitled pupils, paying particular regard to the effectiveness of quality first teaching for all vulnerable groups, including pupil premium.

LEADERSHIP

The Pupil Premium Champion will monitor the use of Pupil Premium funding and the impact on pupils’ progress. This will be monitored by Senior Leadership; the Headteacher and the governors.

QUALITY FIRST TEACHING

Class teachers have the responsibility to know which of their pupils are entitled to Pupil Premium funding and monitor their progress as a discrete group. Lessons should be planned to take into account the likely gap in attainment between a pupil in receipt of Pupil Premium funding and other pupils of similar ability. Intervention should be targeted within the classroom and if necessary provision, which is additional, should be discussed with the Pupil Premium Champion.

Through wise use of this additional funding, the St. Peter & St. Paul CE Primary School is fully committed to ensuring that the individual needs of each entitled pupil are met. As a result of the additional funding, these pupils will make better progress and achieve higher standards thus narrowing the gap.

EXTRA CURRICULAR

Pupil Premium funding can also be used to enable these pupils to participate in non-classroom based activities such as trips or sport. On an individual basis, consideration will be taken to fund out of school activities such as swimming, or the costs associated with belonging to a group such as the
Scouts. If by being enabled to fully participate in these extra-curricular activities a pupil's self-esteem is raised, it is likely their attitude to learning will also improve, which will contribute positively to their overall attainment and educational progress. Senior Leadership will monitor participation of this group of pupils in their out of classroom activities and liaise with the Pupil Premium Champion to access Pupil Premium funding if required.