

# Pupil Premium Policy

Sacred Heart RC Primary School



**Everyone is Sacred**

# Principles

Every child with his/her individual needs and gifts is a unique gift from God.

All members of staff and governors accept responsibility for 'socially disadvantaged' pupils and to use the Pupil Premium to improve the outcomes for these children. We are committed to meeting their pastoral, social and academic needs within a caring Catholic environment. This is an essential, integral part of the spiritual development of the whole school community.

As with every child in our care, a child who is considered to be 'socially disadvantaged' is valued, respected and entitled to develop to his/her full human potential, irrespective of need.

# Background

The pupil premium is a Government initiative that targets additional funding at pupils from deprived backgrounds, research shows they usually underachieve compared to their peers. The premium is provided in order to support these pupils in reaching their full potential.

The Government have used pupils entitled to Free School meals as an indicator for deprivation and have deployed a fixed amount of money to schools per pupil who have been eligible for Free School meals in the last six years. Schools also receive funding for children who have been looked after continually for six months and those children who have been adopted from care. There is also a smaller amount for children of services personnel and those whose parents have left the services in the last four years.

This fixed amount of money will increase every year of the course of this current Parliament. The Government is not dictating how schools should spend this money but is clear that schools will need to employ the strategies that they know will support their pupils to increase their attainment, and 'narrow the gap'. Schools will be accountable for narrowing the gap.

# Aims

- We will aim to be fair and transparent in our use and distribution of the Pupil Premium funding.
- We will ensure that teaching and learning opportunities meet the needs of all the pupils and in particular those identified as being socially disadvantaged.
- We will ensure that appropriate provision is made for pupils who are identified as belonging to vulnerable groups, this includes ensuring that the needs of socially disadvantaged pupils are adequately assessed and addressed.
- In making provision for socially disadvantaged pupils, we recognise that not all pupils who receive free school meals will be socially disadvantaged.

# Priorities for the use of Pupil Premium Funding

In order to meet the above requirements, Plymouth Cast and the Governing Body of Sacred Heart RC Nursery and Primary School will ensure that provision is made which secures the teaching and learning opportunities that meet the needs of all pupils. As part of the additional provision made for pupils who belong to vulnerable groups, Plymouth Cast and the Governors of the school will ensure that the needs of socially disadvantaged pupils are adequately assessed and addressed through termly pupil progress meetings.

Plymouth Cast and the Governors recognise that not all pupils who are socially disadvantaged are registered or qualify for free school meals. Plymouth Cast and the Governors reserve the right to allocate the Pupil Premium funding to support any pupil or groups of pupils the school has legitimately identified as being socially disadvantaged. It will be allocated following a needs analysis which will identify priority classes, groups or individuals.

At Sacred Heart our priorities for using the Pupil Premium are as follows:

**Pupil Performance** - To continue to narrow and close the gap for those pupils not on track to achieve at or above age related expectations and make expected or more than expected progress at the end of Foundation Stage, KS1 and KS2 through the use of targeted and strategic support.

**Targeted Interventions** – To provide well researched, targeted interventions that have a **proven** track record and create a measurable impact in a relatively short block of time, so that every child is subject to quality first teaching in the classroom.

**Staff Training**- We are committed to developing all our staff in 'Successful Teaching and Learning' using research based strategies and current resources. All teaching and support staff are given CPD opportunities based on effective marking and feedback.

**Enrichment** - Provide experiences in order for pupils eligible for FSM for example after school clubs, visitors and offsite visits/ residential trips.

**Social and Emotional Support** – Provide additional adult support, Play Therapists, Thrive, SEAL, mindfulness and any appropriate pastoral support to help facilitate social and emotional development for identified children.

# The Range Of Provision

The range of provision the Governors have considered for these groups after studying the Sutton Trust Toolkit are:

- Providing small group work or 1:1 support with a qualified teacher focused on overcoming gaps in learning.
- Provide CPD opportunities for teaching and support staff on giving effective feedback and successful teaching and learning.
- Providing additional TA hours across the school to further develop and promote independent learning and peer mentoring.
- Providing training for staff to deliver RWI phonics and spelling and Accelerated Reader to pupils.
- Providing resources to support personalised learning.
- Providing resources to enhance physical and emotional wellbeing Funding trips/residential trips for disadvantaged families.
- Funding extra-curricular activities for disadvantaged families.
- Funding counselling for individual children to meet their social and emotional needs.

***This list above is not exhaustive and is subject to change if needs arise.***

At all times we monitor the needs of our children and often provide support on a needs must basis. All our work through the pupil premium will be aims at accelerated progress moving for pupil premium children. If eligible children have been identified as able, they will receive support and teaching that will ensure those children meet their full potential. Therefore pupil premium resources may also be used to target able pupils on FSM to achieve above age related expectations.

## Reporting

Plymouth Cast and the Governors of Sacred Heart RC Nursery and Primary School will ensure that there is an annual statement to the parents on how the Pupil Premium funding has been used to address the issue of 'narrowing the gap', for socially disadvantaged pupils. This will be published on the school website and will be carried out within the requirements published by the Department of Education.

# Success Criteria

The evaluation of this policy is based on how quickly the school can identify and work with children in receipt of pupil premium to 'narrow the gap' between them and their peers. Targets will be identified and evaluated annually and included in the School Development Plan.

The success criteria for the Pupil Premium Policy are:

- Early intervention and support for socially disadvantaged children
- The vast majority of socially disadvantaged children will meet their individual targets.
- Effective parental pupil school support.
- Having an effective system for identifying, assessing and monitoring pupils.
- Having a whole-school approach.
- Create a positive school atmosphere in which pupils' differences are recognised and valued as full members of the school community; developing confident and independent learners.

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