

Pupil Premium – St Nicholas Church of England Primary School

The pupil premium is additional funding allocated to all schools for a specific band of pupils. This funding is to support those pupils who have been registered for FSM (free school meals) at any point in the last 6 years. It is also for any child who is looked after (CLA) by the LA (local authority) for more than 6 months.

Purpose ?

This money is to support these children in their learning and to ensure the attainment gap between them and the non FSM pupils is narrowed.

How much per pupil?

2014 – 2015 = approximately £1,300.

2015 – 2016 = £1,320

Additional funding is also paid to a school where they have children who are adopted or in care of the LA. PP is also awarded to a school to support service children – this is to enhance their social/emotional learning which, in turn, impacts upon academic achievement.

Who is accountable for this PP spending?

Head teachers, senior leaders and the Governing Board decide how best to use the PP funding; they are held accountable by the pupils' data on attainment and progress in each year group, by the published performance tables and also by Ofsted.

Who do you contact if you are eligible?

Please contact our school business manager, Mrs Billington or our school administration officer, Mrs Crosby, on 01963 362308. You are also most welcome to call in to the school office to speak with the above staff members.

All discussions with parents will be highly confidential and it is important for parents to note that the free school meal option for your child **does not** have to be taken up in school. However, your registration for the FSM will make a huge difference to the funding allocated to St Nicholas. With this in mind,

signing up is seen as a very positive move as the money awarded to us will be used directly for the children – for example:

- ❖ To improve the provision for specific children and for small groups of children.
- ❖ To improve the emotional and social support for pupils who have been assessed as needing extra nurture sessions.
- ❖ To subsidise school day trips, residential trips, school uniform, sports and swimming sessions and some after school clubs.

At St Nicholas, we are fully committed to providing the best opportunity for all pupils to learn to the best of their ability. We continue to monitor and evaluate how we use our PP allocation each year by analysing the impact on attainment and social/emotional profile for each individual PP pupil. We produce an annual published report on spending, provision and impact which allows us to continue with improved plans year on year.

Want to know more?

Please contact Somerset County Council, Entitlements Team – County Hall,
Taunton, Somerset, TA1 4DY Contact number: 01823 357039

Opening hours: Monday – Thursday 8:30am until 5:00pm;

Friday 8:30am until 4:30pm

If you wish to come and speak to me regarding any of the above, please do phone the school office to book an appointment and I will be more than happy to talk to you in confidence.

Mrs Alison Shearer

(Head teacher)