

# **St. Matthew's Church Of England Primary School**

## **Pupil Premium Policy**

### ***Our mission statement***

*We aim to provide a positive learning experience in a safe and respectful environment. We strive to teach an inspiring and inclusive curriculum that promotes a love of learning. As a Christian school, we endeavour to develop the spiritual and moral values of all members of the St. Matthew's family, and a meaningful, loving relationship with God. We want our children to be cheerful and independent individuals who reach their potential and are proud of their achievements. We hope to develop confident, caring citizens who are well prepared to enjoy happy and rewarding lives.*

*Our motto: Live, Love, Learn*

### **Overview**

Pupil Premium provides funding for children:

- Who have been in receipt of free school meals at any point during the last 6 years (£1,480)
- Who have been previously looked after, subject to a special guardianship order and/or adopted from care (£2,570)
- Pupil Premium plus children currently or previously looked after or are in care (£2,570 per child per academic year held by the Local Authority Virtual School Head accessed by PEP meetings)
- Whose parents are currently serving in the armed forces (£340)

*Pupil Premium is not a personal budget for individual pupils, and schools do not have to spend pupil premium so that it solely benefits pupils who meet the funding criteria.*

**The Pupil Premium is additional to main school funding and it will be used by St. Matthew's Church of England Primary School to address any underlying inequalities between children eligible by ensuring that funding reaches the pupils who need it most.**

### **Objectives**

- Pupil Premium 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 narrow the gap between achievement of these pupils and their peers
- As far as its powers allow, the school will use the additional funding to address any underlying inequalities between pupils eligible for Pupil Premium and others
- We will ensure that the additional funding reaches the pupils who need it most and that it makes a significant impact on their education and lives

### **Strategies**

- Pupil Premium will be clearly identifiable within the budget
- The Headteacher, in consultation with the governors and staff, will decide how the Pupil Premium is spent for the benefit of entitled pupils
- The school will assess what additional provision should be made for the individual pupils

- The school will be accountable for how it has used the additional funding to support the achievement of those pupils covered by the Pupil Premium
- The Headteacher will report to the Governing Body and parents on how effective the intervention has been in achieving its aims
- School will publish online information about how the Pupil Premium has been used
- We will ensure that parents, governors and others are made fully aware of the attainment and progress of pupils covered by the Pupil Premium Grant
- We will seek to further develop strategies and interventions which can improve the progress and attainment of these pupils
- We will track the impact of the strategies put into place through the funding to ensure the value that has been added to the education of the entitled pupils
- We will monitor, evaluate and review the success of the impact of the funding

### **Outcomes**

- This policy will play an important part in the educational development of the individual pupils who are entitled to the Pupil Premium Grant
- We will ensure that these pupils are treated equally and as favourably as others and that the educational funding is used well to address the challenges they face
- St. Matthew's will use the additional funding to promote the achievement and progress of all entitled pupils
- Through wise use of the funding, we are fully committed to ensuring that the individuals needs of each entitled child are met
- As a result of the additional funding, these children will make better progress and achieve higher standards than would have been likely without it

**Staff Leader - Mrs. Lynne Martin, DHT**

**Nominated Governor – Mrs. Fiona Pattison**

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