PUPIL PREMIUM AT ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

How the Pupil Premium was spent - 1 September 2014 to 31 August 2015

This year we have received £32,210 pupil premium funding to support pupils in receipt of free school meals (FSM) and pupils with members of their family in the armed services (SF).

We used this money to support these pupil groups in a number of ways.

- Additional Teaching Assistant and qualified Teacher support was provided at a cost of £30,339.
- Assistance was given towards the cost of music tuition and instrument hire totaling £1542.
- £121 was paid towards trips and swimming.
- A Fun Fit class was run at a cost of £344 to support those children with additional physical needs, improving children's coordination, muscle strength, fine and gross motor skills.
- Emotional support was provided through a Thrive programme costing £171.
- A counselling service was provided to support children coping with difficult home circumstances. This cost £465.

Impact on progress for pupils.

- Booster groups through additional teaching, Teaching Assistant and emotional support built confidence and self esteem in most vulnerable children enabling them to achieve their potential.
- In Key Stage 1, children in receipt of Pupil Premium Grant funding did better than children not in receipt of the grant, although they did not achieve the higher level.
- Overall children in Key Stage 2 in receipt of Pupil Premium Grant funding did not achieve as well as children not in receipt of the grant, although half did meet the required standards.
- A high percentage of children in receipt of Pupil Premium Grant funding benefited from peripatetic music lessons and took part in trips and swimming lessons which provided them with opportunities similar to children not in receipt of funding.

Proposed spending for 1 September 2015 to 31 August 2016

This year we expect to receive £33,880 pupil premium funding to support pupils in receipt of free school meals (FSM) and pupils with members of their family in the armed services (SF).

We are proposing to use this funding to support these pupil groups in a number of ways.

- Additional Teaching Assistant and qualified Teacher support.
- Assistance towards the cost of music tuition and instrument hire.
- Support educational trips, residential visits and swimming.
- A Fun Fit class to support those children with additional physical needs, improving children's coordination, muscle strength, fine and gross motor skills.
- Provide emotional support through a nurture group.