

# St. Charles RCVA Primary School

## Pupil Premium Policy

### School Mission Statement

The community of St. Charles School believes that Jesus is at the heart of everything that we do. We are committed to giving every child every opportunity to achieve their potential in mind and body in a happy, safe and caring environment.

Our school endeavours to promote a welcoming community based on trust and mutual respect, where all individuals feel that they are valued and belong. We develop our spirituality through prayer, reflection and celebration whilst living out our Catholic faith.

The targeted and strategic use of pupil premium will support us in achieving our vision.

### **Principles**

We ensure that teaching and learning opportunities meet the needs of all of the pupils.

We ensure that appropriate provision is made for pupils who belong 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.

We also recognise that not all pupils who are socially disadvantaged are registered or qualify for free school meals. We 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. At least 70% of any group will be made up of FSM children.

Pupil premium funding will be allocated following a needs analysis which will identify priority classes, groups or individuals. Limited funding and resources means that not all children receiving free school meals will be in receipt of pupil premium interventions at one time.

## **Provision**

The range of provision the Governors may consider making for this group could include:

- Reducing class sizes thus improving opportunities for effective AfL and accelerating progress
- Providing small group work with an experienced teacher, teaching assistant or learning support assistant focused on overcoming gaps in learning
- 1-1 support
- additional teaching and learning opportunities provided through learning mentors, trained TAs or external agencies

All our work through the pupil premium will be aimed at accelerating progress moving children to at least age related expectations. Initially this will be in communication, English and Maths.

Pupil premium resources may also be used to target able children on FSM to achieve L3 or 5.

Provision will not be aimed at statemented children or those at SA+

## **Reporting**

It will be the responsibility of the Headteacher, or a delegated member of staff, to produce regular reports for Governors on:

- the progress made towards narrowing the gap, by year group, for socially disadvantaged pupils
- an outline of the provision that was made since the last meeting
- an evaluation of the cost effectiveness, in terms of the progress made by the pupils receiving a particular provision, when compared with other forms of support

The Governors of the school will ensure that there is an annual statement to parents on how the Pupil Premium funding has been used to address the issue of 'narrowing the gap', for socially disadvantaged pupils. This task will be carried out within the requirements published by the Department for Education (TBC).

### **Appeal**

Any appeals against this policy will be through the governor's complaints procedure.