

# Pupil Premium

The Pupil Premium is an allocation of additional funding provided to schools to support specific groups of children and to ensure they benefit from the same opportunities as all other children. The three categories of children that qualify for pupil premium are children who are entitled to free school meals (FSM); those children looked after by the local authority (LAC); children with parents in the armed forces.

The government has stated that it is for schools to decide how the Pupil Premium is spent although schools are required to give an outline of how the money is allocated and how it will benefit those specific groups of children in particular.

The level of the premium in 2014-15 is £1300 per pupil within the FSM and LAC groups. Children who have been eligible for free school meals (FSM) at any time in the last six year will also attract funding for the academy.

In the academic year 2014/15 St Bernadette's should receive £74,000 based on 57 students (approximately), within these categories. We will prioritise the use of the Pupil Premium as follows:

- Free School Meal (FSM) students and Looked After Children (LAC) who are under-achieving
- Children from other vulnerable groups who are underachieving
- FSM and other vulnerable groups who are in danger of underachieving

The Pupil Premium has been used to fund several activities and support:

- Intervention: small group and one-to-one tuition in Phonics, Maths, Writing, Reading and Emotional Support
- Teaching assistant time within the classroom, for withdrawn groups/individuals and to support visits/trips
- Focused and specific mentoring
- Specific support/resources for individuals – eg EAL support, TA support for children with specific problems.

Additional funding has also been used to support children throughout the academy.

As a result our children have achieved above the national average in national tests, compared with similar pupils across the country.