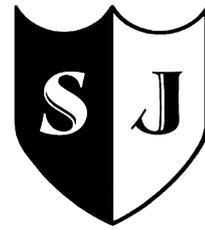


St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

'Growing in Faith, Faith in Growing'



Pupil Premium Review - 2012/13

The Department for Education provides funding for schools for all children who are entitled to free school meals. This amount works out at approximately £600 per eligible pupils. The money is to enable the school to raise standards and narrow the performance gap which exists nationally.

We try to ensure that the money is spent wisely and that all the children at St. Joseph's benefit from this funding in order to achieve.

This is a guide to how we have used Pupil Premium funding during 2012/13:

- The employment of an Educational Welfare Officer to work across the Darlaston Cluster in order to improve attendance, particularly that of persistent absentees in the local area. As a result attendance rates have improved at St. Joseph's
- The employment of a speech therapist, to work across the Darlaston Cluster; to identify and support early intervention for children with speech and language difficulties.
- The purchase and training of staff in using speech and language programmes in order to develop children's speech and identify and respond to speech and language issues.
- Employing a Behaviour Support expert, across the Darlaston Cluster, to work with children in danger of being excluded.
- The employment of a Parental Support Advisor to support parents experiencing difficulty supporting their child's learning and support for identified vulnerable families that is impacting on the child(ren's) learning.
- Maintenance of high levels of Learning Support Assistant time to work with groups on English and Mathematics.
- Provision of 1 to 1 support for pupils underperforming in English and Mathematics.

In the Year 6 SATs tests in 2013 there were 9 pupils eligible for Pupil Premium funding. Between Y2 and Y6 pupils are expected to make 2 National Curriculum levels progress which is 12 progress points. The average progress made by the 9 pupils was 14.74 progress points across reading, writing and maths. The whole class average was 14.42

