



St. Katharine's C. E. (V.A.) Primary School



Grace - Integrity - Aspiration

At St Katharine's we are committed to continually reflecting on our provision and improving it in order to ensure the best outcomes for all children. We believe that with hard work, effort and the relevant support, all children are capable of exceeding expectations. As a school we recognise the positive impact that a broad curriculum can provide and through our SEASIDE curriculum (spirituality, environment, arts, sport and wellbeing, inspirational people and places, diversity, enterprise and technology) alongside our School Values and Powerful Learning attributes that we ensure that children are able to achieve their best.

What is Pupil Premium and why do schools receive it?

The Department for Education implemented Pupil Premium Grant (PPG) in April 2011 in order to close the learning gap between disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged pupils.

Pupils eligible for PPG will fall into one of these categories:

- Children registered to receive free school meals (FSM) or have received free school meals in the last 6 years.
- Children who have a parent in the armed services.

The Pupil Premium Plus Grant was introduced in 2013 to enable schools to support children emotionally, socially and academically and to address their wider needs. Pupils eligible for PPG plus will fall into one of these categories.

- Looked after children (LAC), including children looked after for a day or more.
- Adopted from care.

Schools have the autonomy to decide how best to use the PPG. Government guidance is clear that the aim of the PPG is to increase social mobility for the long term health of our society but that individual schools decide how best to utilise the funding. Schools are held to account by OFSTED to show the impact of the spending.

Pupil Premium at St Katharine's CE VA Primary School

At St Katharine's our main priority continues to be to seek excellence in the quality of teaching and learning for all our pupils. We have developed a Powerful Learning culture through our eight learning attributes which has enabled our pupils to engage with their learning inside and outside the classroom. Teachers are responsive to individual's needs and, through the PPG funding, continue to share best practice in order to reduce in-school variance in attainment and progress. At St. Katharine's we believe in the development of the whole child and that Wellbeing is equally important to enable our pupils to reach success. Approximately 40% of pupils eligible for PPG in our school have social and emotional needs which could hinder their progress in the classroom as a learner. We have therefore increased the funding for Pastoral provision in our school to ensure that pupils are supported and nurtured in order for them to feel more confident and ready to take on the challenges of learning within the classroom.



Where to go for more information

Our School Website where you can see a copy of the Pupil Premium Action Plan.

Our Pupil Premium Champions are Miss Toni Wilcox and Mrs Emma Burton and our Adopted Champion is Mrs Lee-Stanton. Please contact the school if you would like to speak to a member of staff.

If you have any questions about free school meals, please speak to the school office.

External sources

The government's website has information about who is eligible for free school meals, as well as information on how to apply.

Apply for free school meals, GOV. UK
<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

You can also read further information about the pupil premium at the following link. Pupil premium funding and accountability for schools

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pupil-premium-allocations-and-conditions-of-grant-2023-to-2024>