

PUPIL PREMIUM

The Pupil Premium was introduced in April 2011. It was allocated to children from low-income families who are known to be eligible for free school meals in both mainstream and non-mainstream settings, and children who had been looked after continuously for more than six months. It is paid to local authorities by means of a specific grant based on January 2011 school census figures for pupils registered as eligible for free school meals in reception to Year 11. For looked after children the Pupil Premium was calculated using the Children Looked After data returns.

From April 2012 the Government widened the coverage of the Premium to include those eligible for free school meals at any point in the last six years (known as the Ever 6 FMS measure). It is for schools to decide how the Pupil Premium is spent, since they are best placed to assess what additional provision should be made for the individual pupils within their responsibility. By comparison and due to the low levels of FSM pupil, St. Mark's receives a relatively low amount of Pupil Premium.

Total amount of Pupil Premium 2013/2014: £9,530

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How the money was used at St. Mark's:

- To increase staffing to provide further targeted support for individual pupils in literacy and numeracy. This support has enabled these pupils to make expected progress in reading, writing and mathematics.
- To provide curriculum resources to enhance learning e.g. information technology and extracurricular activities for enrichment.