

St Elphege's Catholic Schools

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Help Us to Secure Essential Funding for St Elphege's

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you will have seen in the media, schools are facing ever increasing financial pressures whilst still maintaining excellent standards.

The Pupil Premium Grant (PPG) is a funding source allocated to schools based on the number of pupils who are, or have been in the past six years, eligible for Free School Meals (FSM), among other criteria. This means that if your child was eligible for free schools meals for just one day, the school will receive additional funding each year for the next 6 years. This funding is not just for the pupils whose families qualify; the total amount we receive is used to benefit the entire school community through improved resources, staffing, and enrichment activities.

St Elphege's Schools use this money to invest in key areas, including:

- Providing small-group tuition, booster sessions and teaching assistants
- Funding specialist staff and resources to support the emotional and social development of pupils
- Investing in modern technology, high-quality reading materials and essential classroom resources

How can you help?

Even if you are unsure whether you qualify, we are asking all parents to complete the Google Form using the link below. The process is strictly confidential and the information that you provide will be used by the school to check your eligibility.

All we need is your National Insurance number, name and date of birth.

We strongly encourage all parents and carers to complete the form below, even if you are currently uncertain whether you qualify; it should take no longer than two minutes. By doing so, you are simply enabling the school to run the confidential check with the Local Authority. If you are found to be eligible, the school will immediately receive this vital funding. Your eligibility will remain confidential to the school and there is no harm in completing it, even if you don't think you are eligible.

Please click the link below:

Check My Eligibility

If you have any questions at all, please contact the school office and we would be happy to answer them or support you in completing the form.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr L Hawkes **Headteacher**

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