

Pupil Premium Parent Support Information

As part of the School Improvement Plan, we have identified the progress of Pupil Premium pupils as a key area for whole school development. We have recognised that, as well as departmental focus on improving outcomes for our Pupil Premium pupils, the pastoral system has a huge part to play in supporting these pupils in school.

A key area identified as part of St Mary's Pupil Premium strategy is for form tutors to support the families of Pupil Premium children through regular communication about their child's academic and pastoral progress. This will enable school to more easily identify any barriers that some pupils face both at school and at home.

Every term, Form tutors will make either a phone call home or contact home via email to discuss with parents any issues there may be that cause academic underachievement or poor engagement whilst in school. This communication will also assist with reminding families of key events taking place in school that affect their child, such as Parents' Evenings or extra-curricular activities.

The following are suggestive themes that might be discussed during these communications:

- Are you aware that your child receives the PPG (extra money to support progress in school)
- It is part of the school budget and the way it is spent is outlined on the school website. Requests can be made for how the money is spent, however ultimately it is up to school to allocate this funding.
- Is the pupil aware that they receive the PPG?
- Do you feel your child is disadvantaged in any way compared to their peers in school because of financial restraints?
- Does your child have all the school uniform / equipment they need to take full part in all lessons?
- Does your child have access to the internet and / or printer facilities?
- Does your child have a quiet space at home to complete homework tasks?
- Can your child still get home safely if they stay behind after school for activities or revision sessions?
- Is your child needed to volunteer their time to look after younger siblings / other family members?
- Does your child have any interest in particular school activities? These could be sports clubs, music lessons, performing arts, STEM activities or supporting with other school activities.
- Does your child have access to studying equipment and revision guides?
- Does your child have a particular interest in a college course and would like more information relating to this?
- Are you able to access Parents' Evenings that take place in school?

Please feel free to approach school for support with any request that you consider will support your child in their learning whilst here at St Mary's.

General guidance for PPG and School Trips

School Educational visits or trips usually take place during school hours. School will endeavour to ensure all Pupil Premium pupils will have visits, either partially or fully funded, to ensure they do not miss out on any educational or cultural experiences that will enrich their lives.