

## Pupil Premium

At St Gerard's Catholic Primary School, we are committed to promoting the progress and attainment of all our pupils, whatever their backgrounds.

### Pupil Premium Grant

St Gerard's received a total of £54,472 pupil premium for the period of April 2012-April 2013 and a sum of £92,441 for the period April 2013-April 2014 as a direct grant from the DfE.

During this academic year approximately 49.2% of St Gerard's pupils received free school meals. Listed below is a series of bulleted points indicating how this has been allocated to Free School Meal (FSM) pupils.

### Allocation of Pupil Premium

- All our classes in our school have additional adult support during the school day. This support is full time in Key Stage 1 and Foundation Stage and in Key Stage 2, additional adults provide support for Literacy and Numeracy every morning followed by additional targeted support in the afternoons. This ensures that the needs of our pupils can be met within small groups. Our dedicated team of support staff ensure access to the curriculum by the provision of interventions in Reading, Writing and Mathematics for children who are not making expected progress.
- Further support is provided to Year 5 & 6 pupils by the Deputy Head Teacher and an additional teacher.
- In our Early Years classes, children receive small group interventions to address needs around communication and language.
- We have a tracking system which enables us to track the progress and attainment of children in Reading, Writing and Mathematics on a half termly basis. This is analysed to ensure that all children, whatever their backgrounds are able to access the curriculum and are making good or outstanding progress in their learning.
- We have also financed curriculum enrichment activities such as dance workshops, bird-watching and art; as well as regular Forest Schools sessions for Year 3 throughout the year. Children have also benefited from the Life Education Health Bus, various theatre groups, along with trips and visitors to enrich the curriculum.

- The cost of our Year 5 & 6 Residential to Alton Castle will be offset with pupil premium money. This will further develop team work, independence, confidence and other life skills.

### **Impact of Pupil Premium**

- In the academic year 2013-2014 the average progress of our children in receipt of FSM were in line with or above the progress of all our children. This indicates the progress of children in receipt of FSM was very good.
- In Reception, Year 2 and Year 6 National Assessments the attainments of our FSM children was inline or better than all children nationally.