**ST. JOSEPH’S CATHOLIC**

**VOLUNTARY ACADEMY**

**Pupil Premium Policy**

**Mission statement**

At St Joseph’s with God’s guidance we love, learn, respect and forgive.

The Pupil Premium is allocated to local authorities and schools with pupils on roll in January that are known to have been eligible for free school meals (FSM) at any time in the last six years. Schools have the freedom to spend the Premium, which is additional to the underlying school’s budget, in ways they think will best support the raising of attainment for the most vulnerable pupils. This policy outlines the way the governors and staff of St Joseph’s Catholic Voluntary Academy have decided to use these funds in order to achieve our mission.

Principles

We will ensure that teaching and learning opportunities meet the needs of pupils and that appropriate provision is made for pupils who belong to vulnerable groups, this includes ensuring that the needs of socially disadvantaged pupils are adequately assessed and addressed. In making provision for socially disadvantaged pupils, we recognise that not all pupils who receive free school meals will be socially disadvantaged. We also recognise that not all pupils who are socially disadvantaged are registered or qualify for free school meals. We reserve the right to allocate Pupil Premium funding to support any pupil or group of pupils the school has legitimately identified as being socially disadvantaged. Limited funding and resources means that not all children receiving free school meals will be in receipt of Pupil Premium interventions at any one time.

Provision

All our work through the Pupil Premium will be aimed at accelerating progress moving pupils to at least age related expectations. Initially this will be in phonics, reading, writing, mathematics, speaking and listening. Pupil Premium funding will also be used to support enrichment activities such as school trips, visits or clubs. Pupil Premium resources may also be used to target able children on Free School Meals in order for them to achieve their potential. If you believe your child may be entitled to free school meals please contactLeicester City Council on 0116 4541000 or school on 0116 2416197.

Reporting

It will be the responsibility of the Head Teacher, Senior Leader (Data) and Pupil Premium coordinator to produce regular reports for the Governing Body including:-

* the progress made towards narrowing the gap, by year group, for socially disadvantaged pupils
* an outline of the provision made from Pupil Premium funds since the last meeting of the Governing Body
* an evaluation of the cost effectiveness, in terms of the progress made by the pupils receiving a particular provision, when compared with other forms of support

The Governors of the school will ensure that there is an annual statement on the school website on how Pupil Premium funding has been used to address the issue of ‘narrowing the gap’, for socially disadvantaged pupils.