St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School

Learning and growing together in God's love

Headteacher: Mrs Felicity Hope

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Dear parents,

Is your child eligible to receive pupil premium funding?

If your child is eligible for pupil premium funding we as a school receive £1,515 a year and will use that money to support your child as much as we possibly can. If you apply and the school receives funding, your child will be eligible for the next 6 years until the end of the primary education which means in Year 3 they will continue to receive free school lunches. As well as receiving free school dinners for the whole of their primary education, we will priorities supporting your child to ensure they do not have gaps in their learning and that their attainment is at least as good as those who do not receive this funding.

During the holidays you will receive £3 a day in vouchers to be spent at a supermarket of your choice – this adds up to a significant sum in the 13 weeks off school eg £195.

School will also support your child by funding: -

- school visits,
- support children attending paying school clubs,
- support music lessons and offer support with uniform if needed
- provide a laptop for home learning if needed.

You will also see from the Pupil Premium Strategy on our website that we use this money, amongst other things, to pay for:

- Educational provision/resources
- Academic interventions
- Wellbeing and self-esteem building interventions

Your child may be eligible for Pupil Premium if you receive any of the following:

Income Support
Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA) or Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
Child Tax Credit (as long as you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit) if you have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190
Working Tax Credit run-on - but not if you receive Working Tax Credit
Universal Credit, if your earned income after tax is £616.67 per month (£7,400 per year) or less

There are no catches! Please seriously consider looking into this as soon as you can. It is important to understand that the funding is not ring-fenced to the child that attracts it. This gives the

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school flexibility in determining how the Pupil Premium can best support this group of children or young people.

We are more than happy to help you with your application and the school office is ready to assist. Please contact Mrs Furness on deputy@st-francisofassisi.norfolk.sch.uk in complete confidence if

you have any questions. Otherwise, you can apply in confidence via Norfolk County Council https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/school-meals-and-milk.

Furthermore if your child was once a looked after child in care or if you are in the armed forces, your child will be eligible to receive funding. Please see the attached letter.

If you are eligible, ideally apply within the next week so your child will be categorised by Census Day on Thursday 2nd October. We will then receive their money next year. We will start using the money from the day we receive the completed application to support your child and you will receive all the benefits from that date.

Many thanks.

Claire Furness
Assistant Headteacher