

How do we spend our funding at St. Catherine's?



St. Catherine's
RC Primary School

At St. Catherine's RC Primary School, we receive different pots of funding to support our children to receive the best education and school experience possible.

Some of the funding we receive to benefit your children includes:

- Pupil Premium Funding
- Donations from our Parent and Teacher Association
- Covid-19 Catch Up Premium Funding
- Sports Premium
- School Fund Donations

In our 2022 Parent Survey, one of the responses we asked for was in regards to the statement: 'The school makes me aware of steps it is taking to support children post-Covid through catch-up funding.' Some parents didn't feel knowledgeable in how this funding has been used to support our children and therefore we thought we would provide information regarding this, along with how some of our other funding pots are used to help our children at St. Catherine's.



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Covid-19 Catch Up Premium

This funding was provided to schools from the government in response to the impact of Covid-19 on children, particularly in terms of supporting with missed academic learning and the impact of Covid-19 on children's mental health and well-being.

Over the past two years, we have used this funding to support our children in a number of different ways:

12-Week Well-Being Programme ('Bounce' sessions run by Artis)

Our first priority in response to Covid-19 was to support the mental health and well-being of all of our children. We therefore funded a 12-week intensive programme which explored mental health and well-being through performing arts. This spanned the Summer Term in 2021 and the feedback we had from staff, parents and children was overwhelmingly positive.



My Happy Mind

We implemented a programme called My Happy Mind, backed by the NHS, to further improve children's well-being.

My Happy Mind is a programme for schools which is grounded in the latest science and research about what it takes to create positive wellbeing.

It's taught to every single child and there's a curriculum for every year group from Early Years to Year 6. There is also access for parents too.



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10 week writing programme

We used funding to provide 10 weeks of writing intervention for a number of children in our school from Years 1–6 in the Summer Term last academic year. This meant a trained writing specialist came into school 4 days a week to run small groups sessions focusing on helping children to make good and accelerated progress in writing. We saw great benefits from this and this programme helped to increase the number of children achieving age-related expectations in writing across the school. It also helped to increase stamina, resilience and confidence in writing.

Pastoral Support

We continued to fund our Caritas Support Worker, Michelle, for one day a week to support children and families pastorally and we have now moved to employed a full-time Pastoral Support and Family Liaison Leader. This is having a really positive impact for many of our children and families.

Pupil Premium Support

We used some of our funding to put together packs of resources and high-quality reading books to send home to all children in receipt of Pupil Premium funding during the Covid-19 school closures.

Staffing

We utilised some of our Covid-19 catch-up funding to increase staffing in some year groups, particularly in EYFS and KS1 to help provide more targeted support for children across the curriculum.

Want to find out more?

There are many more examples of how we used our Covid-19 catch-up premium in school. Please visit our school website to look at our Catch-Up Plan for more details:

<https://www.st-catherines.manchester.sch.uk/page/covid-19-information-and-catch-up-premium/79942>

Pupil Premium Funding

What is Pupil Premium funding?

The pupil premium is additional funding provided to schools, over and above that provided for other children, to support the achievement and inclusion of children in receipt of free school meals. Additional funding is also provided for children who are in the care of the Local Authority. This money is allocated to initiatives to ensure pupils reach their full potential, both academically and socially.

The aim of the Pupil Premium Grant is to raise the achievement and attainment of the pupil premium group and narrow the gap between pupils who have been eligible for free school meal in the last 6 years (Ever6) and non-free school meal pupils (NFSM).

How do I know if my child is eligible for Pupil Premium Funding?

Check out page 3 of our Weekly Parent Update emailed out each Friday. This gives more information about who is eligible and how to apply.

We use our Pupil Premium funding in a variety of different ways to best support our children, including:

- funding interventions to support children academically to make good and accelerated progress
- Forest School
- social intervention groups, such as Lego Therapy
- funding a range of pastoral support for children and families
- funding towards school trips
- funding towards some extra-curricular activities, including music tuition
- funding holiday clubs

Want to find out more?

There are many more examples of how we use our Pupil Premium funding in school. Please visit our school website to look at our Pupil Premium page for more details:

<https://www.st-catherines.manchester.sch.uk/page/pupil-premium/79973>

Sports Premium Funding

What is Sports Premium funding?

The PE and sport premium helps primary schools by providing them with government funding to make additional and sustainable improvements to the quality of the PE, physical activity and sport offered through their core budgets.

It is allocated directly to schools so they have the flexibility to use it in the way that works best for their pupils. The PE and sport premium survey highlighted the significant impact which PE and Sport has had in many primary schools across England.

We use our funding to support children to enjoy being active and to ensure high-quality physical education for all. We also use it to provide opportunities for children to participate in competitive sport and to also understand the important links between mental health and sport.

We use our Sports Premium funding in a variety of different ways to best support our children, including:

- purchasing programmes like Active Maths to build physical activity into other curriculum areas
- high-quality gymnastics teaching and staff CPD
- high-quality P.E. and CPD through City in the Community and Mr Callaghan
- Membership with Manchester P.E. association to continue to develop staff knowledge and skills and to take part in a range of competitions for children
- funding lunch-time sports provision to support children in active play

Want to find out more?

There are many more examples of how we use our Sports Premium funding in school. Please visit our school website to look at our Sports Premium page for more details:

<https://www.st-catherines.manchester.sch.uk/page/pe-and-sports-premium/79975>

School Fund

Donations to our School Fund make a HUGE difference to our children across school.

School Fund is used to benefit all children in our school. Take a look at just some of the great examples it is used for:



Contributions to development of our school playgrounds



Reading Eggs (online reading platform)



Contributions to our new sensory rooms



Our special golden jumpers



Our Platinum Jubilee Celebrations



Contributions to our school libraries and reading books



Contributions to our visits from Santa and his reindeer!

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Parent and Teacher Association

Donations from our Parent and Teacher Association also have a really positive impact for all of our children. We are so grateful to all of our volunteers who give their time to help raise money through the PTA as this really does make a big difference to our school. Thank you!



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Special experiences for year groups

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