



# St. Margaret's C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents

As part of the findings from the Ofsted Report (July 2018), we were requested to undertake:  
"An external review of the school's use of pupil premium funding in order to assess how this aspect of leadership and management may be improved."

This review has now been carried out and has given us a clear way forward for ensuring that this funding is directed towards "raising the attainment of disadvantaged pupils of all abilities to reach their potential" (Government definition of the use of the PPG).

In previous years, we have used the PPG funding to pay all of the costs associated with visits, visitors, swimming and residential trips for our Pupil Premium pupils. As part of the review, we have been advised that this is not the best use of this valuable funding in order to "close the gap" between your children and others so, from September 2019, we will be changing this policy to providing a subsidy towards visits, visitors, swimming and residential visits rather than covering the whole costs - we hope that you will be able to contribute some of the costs associated with taking your child/children out of school and providing exciting visitors to extend their understanding.

As always has been and will continue to be the case, if you are unable to contribute to the costs due to financial restraints, please do contact the School Business Manager or Headteacher in strictest confidence.

We have a clear plan in place that will allow the use of the PPG funding to make sure that the progress of disadvantaged pupils accelerates until the difference between their achievement and that of other pupils nationally diminishes.

Some of the ways we support children in receipt of PPG are: reading support and intervention, support for editing writing, focus groups lead by teachers and teaching assistants, before school booster sessions, raising profile of PP children, clearer identification of needs, learning mats, learning and behaviour mentor support, teacher training in emotional well-being.

Further information is available on our website or contact Mrs Hine or Mrs Woodcock for further information.

Yours sincerely

Jill Hine

Headteacher

