



# ST. MARY'S

## CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



Part of Bishop Bewick Catholic Education Trust  
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Headteacher: Mrs Colette Bland

Dear Parent/Carer,

### Pupil Premium Grant

The Pupil Premium Grant is an additional allocation of funding that may be available to pupils who meet particular criteria. This funding is used to support these pupils in a variety of ways including additional teaching and learning resources or supplementation of educational visit or school uniform costs.

Pupils whose parents are in receipt of certain benefits, who have been adopted from the care of the local authority, who have a Special Guardianship Order or Child Arrangement Order and children with a parent in the services are eligible to receive this grant.

In the past the eligibility check was completed with free school meals applications. Since the introduction of 'Universal Free School Meals' (free school meals to all pupils in Reception class, Year 1 and Year 2) many families have missed out on this grant.

If you believe your child might be entitled to this additional funding it is easy to apply, follow this link <https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/category/238/free-school-meals> and complete the application process. You will need your NI number and NASS reference to register.

Some parents are reluctant to apply as they worry about the stigma attached to 'free school meals' please be assured that this information is treated with the upmost of confidentiality and shared on a need to know basis and children are not aware of who is in receipt of this grant.

So please, if you are eligible, apply and give your child the opportunity to access additional support to maximise their potential.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Bland  
Head Teacher

