

Wednesday, 23 September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

### Eligibility for Pupil Premium (2020/2021)

In 2011 the Government introduced Pupil Premium to help all children reach their full potential and to achieve higher academic grades at school.

The funding is not necessarily given because a student is underachieving, but enables us to address the national trend that Pupil Premium students do not attain as highly as non-Pupil Premium students.

The Government regards schools; that are responsible for the outcomes of children; as being best placed to determine how this money is spent. We have chosen to spend the additional funding on a number of academic and pastoral intervention strategies, most recently the implementation of the Accelerated Reader and Accelerated Maths programmes.

Students and parents have also been able to access the following:

- Financial support for compulsory curriculum based educational trips.
- Provision of equipment such as revision guides, and books
- Provision of school uniform

Further details of the way in which the school uses Pupil Premium can be found on our website.

### Free School Meals and Ever6

One of the criteria used to calculate this additional funding is the number of pupils at a school who receive Free School Meals (FSM) and who are in full time education up to and including Year 6.

In common with most schools it is likely that a number of parents/carers whose children attend Pike Fold fail to claim FSM, even though they are entitled to them. Without this additional funding the benefits your children can enjoy will be more limited. Not only that, our catering team provides an excellent range of healthy lunch options that are enjoyed daily by our students and your child may well be able to access these free of charge.

In order to claim FSM, a parent/carer must be claiming one of the following benefits:

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- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

If you think that you are eligible to apply for FSM for your child, or even if you are not sure, please use the link below to apply:

<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims>

You will receive an immediate decision. If the application is approved you will be able to receive free lunches straight away. The decision will automatically come through to the school office at the same time that you receive your decision.

Eligibility for Pupil Premium also includes pupils known to have been in receipt of Free School Meals in any of the previous six years. This historical eligibility will be determined centrally by the DfE and communicated to schools.

### **Pupils Adopted From Care/Leave Care on a Special Guardianship or Residence Order**

In addition, eligibility for Pupil Premium includes those pupils who were Looked After immediately before being adopted or being placed on a Special Guardianship or Residence Order.

It will be for those who have parental responsibility (adoptive parents, special guardians and carers of former Looked After Children on residence/child arrangements orders) to decide if they wish to self-declare their children's status to schools.

Parents or carers are requested to provide supporting evidence, for example, a photocopy of the adoption order. Parents may conceal sensitive information (e.g. the name of the birth parents) if they wish.

### **Cared For Children**

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Children in the care of the Local Authority are entitled to Pupil Premium. This element of funding is paid directly to the Virtual School run by the Local Authority. Under the terms of the current agreement, a proportion of this funding is subsequently passed to the school on provision that criteria relating to a child's Personal Education Plan is being met.

### Service Children

Children whose parent(s) are Service personnel serving in regular HM Forces military, exercising parental care and responsibility, and designated as Personnel Category 1 or 2 are entitled to Pupil Premium, although at a lower rate.

If you believe your child is eligible for service premium funding which could be used to support their pastoral care, please contact the school office.

Finally, if you are concerned that we have not received confirmation of your child's eligibility for Pupil Premium under any of the categories listed above, please contact Mrs Lees in the school office who will be happy to help.

Thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation.

Yours Sincerely

Miss Nickson  
School Business Manager

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