

## Pupil Premium - Urgent

Dear Parents/carers

The Pupil Premium was introduced by the government in April 2011 and, since that date, schools have been allocated funding for children from families who are eligible for free school meals, plus looked-after children and those from families with parents in the Armed Forces. The aim of the funding is to help raise standards and improve wellbeing for children in these groups. For eligible children, we use the money to offer a whole range of benefits, including:

- Subsidising residential experiences (Year 4 & 6 Camps, the French trip)
- Subsidising school trips
- Free musical instrument lessons (in school)
- Free places at our Breakfast Club
- Individual support with phonics and maths
- Support from the Learning Mentor
- Many other things – see the Pupil Premium Report on our website

You can register for Pupil Premium if you are in receipt of any of these Government benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit Child Tax Credit (with no working credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on
- Universal Credit

In previous years, parents of pupils in **Reception, Year 1 and Year 2** had to apply for Free School Meals in order to be eligible to receive Pupil Premium. Since 2014, these pupils have been given free meals by the government. This has caused confusion and led to many parents not applying, and therefore, not registering their child's entitlement.

Now things have changed. We as a school can check to see if pupils in these classes are eligible to receive Pupil Premium. We simply need a few details from you and your permission to do so. If you think there is any chance your child may be eligible, please complete the attached form and return it to the office as soon as possible. If eligible, your child will be entitled to Pupil Premium for the whole of their primary school education. Please complete the form - it would be a real shame to miss out on any of the benefits mentioned above.

If you have any questions or are struggling with the form, please see the ladies in the office who will be happy to help out.

Regards

Mr G Clarke