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Pupil Premium Grant 2017-18

Dear Parents,

This letter is to inform you about the up to date recommendations over Pupil Premium. You are receiving this letter because xxxxxx is identified (via the LA records) as a child who is eligible for Pupil Premium.

What is Pupil Premium? Pupils that qualify as being eligible for Pupil Premium satisfy at least one of the following:

- They have received Free School Meals at any point in the last 6 years
- They are in the care of the Local Authority, or have been adopted from care
- They are children of Service Personnel

This means that the school receives additional funding for your child.

Why has Pupil Premium been introduced? Pupil Premium funding has been allocated to schools so that they can address the achievement gap between pupils who are eligible for Pupil Premium and those who are not. At many schools this gap is smaller than other similar schools as a result of the policies and practices they apply. However the average achievement of Pupil Premium pupils is typically lower than the remainder of the cohort and so we strive to close this gap.

Where can I find out more? The school is charged with allocating this money to maximise pupil achievement, details of which can be found on the school website in the document entitled Pupil Premium Grant Expenditure 2017-18.

What does this mean for my child? The money given to schools is to predominantly be used to enhance learning and to close or prevent any learning gaps. It may be used for extra tuition in school time, extra resources to support learning (including additional staff) and to maximise pupil achievement.

Will this money pay for other activities? Where educational opportunities incur a cost, we aim to keep these costs as affordable as possible. If a charge is necessary we ask all parents for a 'voluntary contribution'. *For example, if a curriculum (in school time) trip costs £20 for a day to a museum or gallery then we expect parents or guardians to make a contribution of £20. Pupil Premium funding can help bridge the gap between your contribution and the costs of running the trip or activity.* There are some occasions where a trip or activity relies entirely on voluntary contributions. If contributions are not sufficient then occasionally a trip or activity cannot go ahead.

In a similar way, you may feel an after-school activity would enrich your child's experience and this is again something we could look to support you with financially.

Please note though that entitlement to Pupil Premium does not give an automatic right for the payments associated with school trips or other activities to be met by the school as the school is accountable for ensuring that the money is spent on meeting children's learning needs.

Can I discuss this with someone? We do not want to discriminate against children or families and prevent them from participating fully in the life of the school as a result of financial hardship. If you would like to discuss Pupil Premium further please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mrs J. Humphrey

Executive Headteacher