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 Pupil Premium Explained

Dear Parent/Carer

In order to fully explain Pupil Premium, outlined below is an explanation, the benefits associated with it and how to ensure your child receives it.

**Pupil Premium –**

**What is it?**

Pupil Premium is funding paid by the local authority/government directly to schools. For each child eligible for Pupil Premium the school receives £1320 per school year.

**What are the benefits?**

There are many benefits for both the child and the school, these include:

* Additional funding to support learning, progress and overall achievement
* Small group or individual interventions
* Support with learning and emotional needs
* Free School Meals
* Heavily subsidised cost of educational visits and residential trips
* Supported access to school clubs

**How do I know if I can apply for Pupil Premium?**

To be eligible for Pupil Premium the family must be in receipt of one or more of the following benefits:

* Income support
* Income-based Job Seekers’ Allowance
* Income- related Employment and Support Allowance
* Support under Part V1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
* The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
* Child Tax Credit, provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit, and have a gross annual income of no more than £16,190 as assessed by Her Majesty’s Revenue and Customs
* Working Tax Credit run-on, paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for working tax credit.

**How do I check eligibility for Pupil Premium?**

A parent or guardian may wish to check their eligibility for Pupil Premium or continued Free School Meals (from Key Stage 2).

To complete a check you will need to provide the following information:

* Name, home address and email address
* National Insurance Number or National Asylum Support Service reference number
* Child or student’s name, date of birth and school

If you would like the school to support you with the application please call in or contact the office manager, Mrs Gates.

Not all the families of children who are eligible for Pupil Premium will actually wish to apply. However, it would support the school greatly by letting us know if your child is eligible.

We would strongly encourage all eligible parents/carers to apply for this status, it will not affect any other benefits being claimed.

Any children who are entitled to free school meals, whether they take them up or not, means that our school will be given extra funding to help support their needs.

If you have any additional questions relating to Pupil Premium please contact either myself or the Office Manager either by phone, in person or via email at the following address bursar@poolhouse.lancs.sch.uk

Kind regards

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