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Pupil Premium Funding

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to you today about an important source of funding for our school called **Pupil Premium**. This funding is a valuable resource that allows us to provide additional support and opportunities for all our students.

This funding is allocated to the school based on the number of children who meet certain government criteria. It's not a personal budget for individual children, but it allows us to invest in resources that benefit everyone, such as small group tuition, additional classroom support, and subsidies for school trips and clubs. Details of how we have previously used this funding can be found on our school [website](#).

We encourage you to check if your child is eligible, as it helps us secure as much funding as possible to enhance our education provision. All information is handled with the utmost confidentiality.

Is Your Child Eligible?

Your child may be eligible for Pupil Premium funding if they fall into one of the following categories:

Free School Meals (FSM) Eligibility

The funding for each FSM-eligible child is currently worth **£1,515**. Your child is eligible if they receive free school meals or have been eligible in the last six years (this does not include universal free school meals at KS1). To qualify, a family must be receiving one of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit (with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400)
- 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 (if you are 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 four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

The easiest way to check for **Free School Meal eligibility** is through the online checker. It's quick and confidential, and if your result comes back as 'found', the system automatically informs our school.

Free School Meal Eligibility Checker: <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/hants>



Even if your child does not wish to have a Free School Meal, it is still vital that you check for eligibility. The school receives the Pupil Premium funding whether your child eats the meal or not. A successful application means our school receives extra funding that makes a real difference to the children's education.

Post Looked After Child (PLAC)

The funding for each PLAC-eligible child is currently worth **£2,630**. This applies to children who have been in the care of their local authority for more than 24 hours and are now with a family through adoption, a special guardianship order, or a child arrangements order.

It is up to those with parental responsibility to decide if they wish the school to know whether their child is adopted or is under a special guardianship order or residence order.

Service Pupil Premium (SPP)

The funding for each SPP-eligible child is currently worth **£350**. If you haven't already done so, please let the school know if you fit the SPP eligibility criteria:

- One of the child's parents is serving in the regular armed forces (including students with a parent who is on full commitment as part of the full-time reserve service).
- The child has been registered as a 'Service Child in the past six years
- One of the parents has died whilst serving in the arm forces and the child receives a pension under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme or War Pensions
- One of the parents is in the armed forces of another nation and is stationed in England

We may get in touch with you for further information if required.

Kind regards

Mrs J Byrne

Headteacher