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Dear parents and carers,

Re: Pupil Premium Funding

As a school we are given additional funding to support the education of pupils eligible for free school meals or previously eligible for free school meals. The pupil premium is additional funding for publicly funded schools in England to raise the attainment of disadvantaged pupils of all abilities and to close the gaps between them and their peers. It is also provided to ensure that pupil premium pupils have the same opportunities as those pupils not eligible for pupil premium funding.

What is the Pupil Premium funding used for?

The total amount of funding is used to provide support for all pupil premium and vulnerable pupils. **Each individual does not have their own pot of funding just to provide support for themselves.** We use the funding we have to provide support for pupils through FLO and counsellor support, employing teaching assistants to provide interventions and in class support, support with the cost of clubs, trips and uniform, enrichment opportunities and resources such as the nurture room. The use of funding is determined by the school based on the needs of all pupil premium pupils.

Pupil Premium Funding was introduced in April 2011 and is allocated to schools to work with pupils who have been registered for free school meals (FSM) at any point in the last six years. Looked after children and those of service personnel also attract funding.

What funding will the school receive for each Pupil Premium child?

In the 2023-24 financial year, schools will receive the following funding for each child registered as eligible for free school meals at any point in the last 6 years:

- £1,455 for pupils in reception year to year 6

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- “Looked after” children receive £2,530
- Previously in care or adopted receive £2,530
- Service children receive £335
- Early Years pupils £353

How do I know if my child is entitled to Pupil Premium Funding?

Your child or children can get a Free School Meal if you, your partner or the child is receiving one of the benefits below:

- **Income support (IS)**
- **Income Based Jobseekers Allowance (JSA(IB))** - Not JSA(Contribution based)
- **Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA(IR))**
- support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- **Child Tax Credit**, provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by Her Majesty’s Revenue and Customs) that does not exceed **£16,190**.
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit.
- **Universal Credit**

Why should I apply For Pupil Premium Funding?

Applying for the funding may entitle your child / children to have free school meals. It would also help the school to provide a range of support for your child / children.

If you think you may be eligible for free school meals please download and complete the form from our website.

<https://www.williamhardingschool.co.uk/pupil-premium>

Alternatively, ask the school office for a paper copy or speak to one of our FLO Team who will be able to help.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Skinner

Inclusion, Pastoral and Safeguarding Lead

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