

Pupil Premium Plus- additional funding to schools

Was your child Adopted from Care or Left under a Special Guardianship Order or Left under a Residential Order?

You may be aware that schools receive additional funding for children in receipt of Free School Meals which is called Pupil Premium Funding. These children are automatically identified to the school through the Local Authority. The government announced that they are extending this funding to provide additional income for schools to support children who have been adopted from care. This funding will be called Pupil Premium Plus and will be £1900 per year per child.

Unfortunately, we are not advised on whether or not children have ever been in care and or adopted. We therefore ask parents to let us know that they have adopted children from care so that the school can claim the funding available for the next financial year.

As this is a sensitive issue this notification is to allow you to make the choice whether or not you wish to disclose this information. All information received will be treated in strictest confidence.

This additional funding is only eligible for students who:

- left care under a Residential Order (under the Children Act 1989)
- left care under a Special Guardianship Order (under the Children Act 1989)
- were adopted from care (under the Adoption and Children Act 2002)

If your child fits into any of the above categories and you are willing for this information to be included in a Department for Education (DfE) Statutory return, please contact the Headteacher, Richard Jarrett giving the name and date of birth of the child concerned as soon as possible. You will then be contacted and asked to provide supporting evidence, i.e. the Adoption (Court) Order. In order to claim the funding for the next financial year the information will need to be included Census return that is sent to the DfE **each JANUARY**.

Pupil Premium Plus funding is not ring-fenced. It is designed to provide specific support to raise attainment and address the wider needs of children in this vulnerable group. National statistics show that children in care may face unique challenges and could struggle to keep up with their peers. It is vital that they are given the targeted support they need and the education they deserve to help them get on in life.

There is no obligation for you to share this information with us, but in doing so your child may be given additional support with their education.