

18th December 2014

Dear Parent / Carer,

PUPIL PREMIUM: Assistance for your child.

The Pupil Premium is additional funding given to publicly funded schools in England to raise the attainment of disadvantaged pupils and close the gap between them and their peers. This includes children who are eligible for Free School Meals, 'Looked After' Children, children adopted from care, and children with a parent in the Armed Forces.

Free School Meals:

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're 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 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit

The benefits for you and your family are:

- A choice of hot meals every day for your child (sandwiches are also available).
- Confidentiality is ensured through our cash-less system, and students can enjoy meal-times with their friends
- Students who are registered for free school meals are eligible for consideration for financial support towards school trips and music tuition
- You may be eligible to claim other forms of assistance, for instance with home to school transport. Please contact the WCC Education Transport department on 01926-742059 for more information

If you think that you may be eligible for Free School Meals you can either:

- Apply on-line at <http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals>
- Apply on the telephone via the Warwickshire County Council Customer Service Centre on 01926-742060
- Contact M Bennett (Student Services Co-ordinator) on 01789 268051 if you require any help in filling in the application form or you have any questions regarding free school meal entitlement.

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Children Adopted from Care:

As part of the Government's adoption reform programme, the Department for Education is considering a range of information that will help to inform thinking in relation to post-adoption support. In this connection, we have been advised that additional funding is available for students on roll who were looked after immediately before adoption, or who were placed on a special guardianship or residence order.

It is, of course, for you to decide if you wish us to know whether your daughter/son is adopted, or under a special guardianship order, or a residence order. For the school to apply for this funding, the information is required for the School Census which is submitted on the 15th January 2014.

Services Pupil Premium:

The SPP helps schools to support the unique challenges children with parents in the Armed Forces can often face. Service parents are urged to let the school know about their child's Service status

If you have any further questions or you would like to share this information with us, for the benefit of your child, please do not hesitate to contact me on 01789 268051.

Yours faithfully,

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