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## Pupil Premium – Explained

Dear Parent/Carer,

In anticipation of the new school year and following queries from several parents, outlined below for your information is an explanation what Pupil Premium is, the benefits associated with it and how to apply.

### **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 £1320.00 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 booster group tuition sessions
- Support with learning and emotional needs through the purchase of extra internal resources
- Free School Meals
- Heavily subsidised cost of educational visits, residential trips and music tuition
- 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 VI 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 an annual gross income, of no more than £16,190 as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs<sup>1</sup>
- 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) and HC3S has an online service for this.

<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/hants/>

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 do not have access to the internet or you would like the school to support you with the application check, please contact a member of the school office.

I realise that not all the children who are eligible for Pupil Premium actually wish to apply. However, I would be grateful if you would support the school by letting us know if your child is **eligible**.

**PLEASE NOTE –YOU DO NOT NEED TO REPLY IF YOUR SON/DAUGHTER IS ALREADY IN RECEIPT OF PUPIL PREMIUM.**

I strongly encourage all eligible parents/carers to apply for this status. No one will know who has registered and it will not affect any other benefits being claimed.

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

I realise that information of this nature is very sensitive and I can assure you that all such information will be treated in the strictest confidence.

If you have any additional questions relating to Pupil Premium please contact a member of the School Office Team either in person or via email at the following address [schooloffice@bwjunior.hants.sch.uk](mailto:schooloffice@bwjunior.hants.sch.uk)

Yours truly,

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