

## **Pupil Premium Grant**

### **What is the Pupil Premium Grant?**

The Government believes that the Pupil Premium Grant (PPG), which is additional to main school funding, is the best way to address the current underlying inequalities between children eligible for free school meals (FSM) and their peers. A PPG strategy is planned to ensure the funding to tackle disadvantage, reaches the pupils who need it most.

### **How is the money allocated?**

The PPG is allocated to children from low-income families who currently known to be eligible for FSM and children who have been looked after by the Local Authority continuously for more than 6 months. A premium is also available for children whose parents are currently serve in the Armed Forces and for children who have been adopted from care.

The Government decided that eligibility for PPG in 2012-13 was to be extended to pupils who have been eligible for FSM at any point in the previous 6 years. Research has shown that, as a group, children who have been eligible for FSM at any point in time, have consistently lower educational attainment than those who have never been eligible. PPG children often face challenges such as poor language and communication skills, less family support and a lack of confidence.

### **Who is eligible?**

Your child is eligible for free school meals if you're in receipt of 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 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190

If your circumstances have changed and you are now claiming any of the benefits listed, please come and speak to the school.

Registering for universal free school meals could also raise an extra £1,320 for your child's school.

We can't access this money without you. Please don't delay. It really won't take long but it is very important to the school.