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Dear parents and carers,

Please find some information below about Pupil Premium funding. We would like to encourage parents of all children who are eligible for Pupil Premium support to apply for this additional funding. We are very happy to support you with completing the forms or answering any questions you may have with regards to this.

Parental application for Pupil Premium

We are aware that in the past, some parents who are entitled to this funding have chosen not to apply because they prefer to take complete responsibility for supporting their children's education themselves. However, we would like to explain that parents applying for Pupil Premium support will allow the school to secure funding to support their children. For more information on this, please see our Pupil Premium statement, which can be found by following this link. <https://ogbourne.excalibur.org.uk/our-school/premiums-grants/>

The funding arrangements are confidential and there is no way of identifying Pupil Premium students from other students.

What is the Pupil Premium?

The Pupil Premium is a government initiative that gives additional funding to schools for pupils from families who would benefit most from economic support. This has been allocated to every school in the country, in light of national figures which show that these groups of students do not achieve as well as other children. This funding enables additional provision and intervention to allow students to reach their full potential and achieve their best.

How can I apply?

You can apply on-line at <https://parentportal.wiltshire.gov.uk/web/portal/pages/parents/free-school-meals> This will automatically make you eligible for Pupil Premium funding. Further information about 'Pupil Premium' can be found on our website. If you have any queries in relation to this initiative, please do not hesitate to contact me or the school office.

Which pupils are entitled to the Pupil Premium?

Children of Parents eligible for any of the following benefits in the last six years are entitled to Pupil Premium funding:

- Income Support
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999



- Child Tax Credit, with no element of working tax credit, and a household income below £16,190 (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs)
- Guarantee Element of the State Pension Credit
- Universal Credit

In addition, the following pupils are also eligible:

- Children whose parents are armed services personnel.
- You may still be eligible if you are in receipt of Working Tax Credit and have recently reduced your hours to less than 16 hours per week or have become unemployed.
- Children who are adopted or looked after children.

Military families do not need to put in an application but please do let us know if you fall within this category as your child will automatically be entitled to additional funding.

How is the Pupil Premium funding spent?

Schools have the freedom to spend the Premium in a way they think will best support the raising of attainment for such pupils.

Some of this funding is used directly to support essential school items such as uniform and free school meals. The rest of the funding is spent in a wide range of ways, depending on individual children's needs. This includes the following, which is focused towards Pupil Premium children, but also benefits all children in the school:

- Support staff (extra TA hours) to support progress in lessons.
- Additional teaching time in small groups or individually (for example with Mrs Temple-Brown or TAs)
- IT resources such as laptops, giving Pupil Premium students fullest possible access to the school's IT resources both at home and within school.
- Funding for educational school trip and visits.

Please do consider applying if you think you are eligible. If you have any questions regarding this or need any support with applying, please do get in touch.

Kind regards,



Lucy Crump
Head of School