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Pupil Premium Grant

Dear Parents/ Carers,

You may be aware that the government provides additional funding to schools for children who qualify for Free School Meals. This funding is called the **Pupil Premium grant**. Pupils continue to receive the grant for **6 years** after they were eligible, regardless of whether they are still in receipt of Free School Meals, which really supports their education.

Your child might be able to get free school meals if you are receipt of benefits. There are qualifying criteria, which can be found at <http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/article/25811/Free-school-meals>. The benefits of the Pupil Premium grant go much further than a free lunch each day. We use the additional funding to improve provision for each individual child. This might be to support access to educational visits or after-school clubs, in-class learning support, or additional sessions out of class with an adult to work on specific learning targets. We track the progress of all Pupil Premium children discreetly so that we give them the best possible opportunities to succeed. We believe that this level of support offers better pastoral care as well as enhancing academic achievement.

In recent years we have used this additional funding to make a real difference to some of our children. We have had notable successes in improving attendance, emotional happiness and wellbeing, and key learning targets. We really believe that this gives some of our children the advantage that they deserve.

We are really keen to ensure that all families that are entitled to receive additional funding apply for it. I am writing personally because I believe this is a very important issue. Although all children in Key Stage 1 receive a free lunch every day, some children entitled to receive the Pupil Premium may not be claiming it. This means that some children are missing out, and we don't want that to happen.

If you feel that you might be entitled to apply for Free School Meals, and therefore receive the Pupil Premium, we would encourage you to do so. If you want any help with applying, please speak to Katie in the office who will happily support you with this. If you want any further information, please see <http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/article/25811/Free-school-meals> where you can also find the application form.

Yours sincerely,

Mr R Weights
Headteacher

