

Dear Parent/Carer

We would like to begin by wishing everyone a Happy New Year.

This email contains important information which may be of great benefit to you and your child/children.

Please note that responses must be received by Thursday 16 January to secure additional funding for those involved.

Free School Meals and Pupil Premium

Is your child eligible for Free School Meals?

Do you realise that your child will also benefit from additional support in school if they are eligible for Free School Meals through the government's Pupil Premium scheme?

The Pupil Premium is payable to the school where your child is registered as eligible to receive Free School Meals. The Pupil Premium is funding given to schools from central government in addition to regular school funding so that we can support our pupils. The Pupil Premium currently attracts £900 per child.

What does this mean for your child? The school assesses the personal needs of your child and implements additional support in the appropriate areas. This could be additional curriculum tuition, homework clubs, games clubs, mentoring or assistance with the costs of trips.

Even if you would not like your child to receive free school meals on a regular basis, you can apply for educational benefits which will benefit your child's school through the Pupil Premium, and will enable your child to take up a free school meal any day they choose.

We can do a quick check on your behalf. All we need is your forename, legal surname, date of birth and national insurance number. Simply ring the Office on 01904 633300 and we can arrange a quick check for you.

Alternatively you can click on the link below which takes you through to the Local Authorities website which gives further information.

http://www.york.gov.uk/info/200334/school_services/654/free_school_meals

Adopted from Care

This is a sensitive topic which will be treated with the greatest of confidentiality and respect. In a similar way that Free School Meals eligibility attracts Pupil Premium the government have recently announced additional funding to schools where children who were looked after immediately before adoption, being placed on a special guardianship or residence order. This additional funding will be used to support your child.

Schools will receive additional funding for each eligible child adopted from care and this additional funding will be used to discreetly enhance each eligible child's curriculum and pastoral support.

We do require documentary evidence; simply contact the school on 01904 633300 and ask for Mrs S Rees, Deputy Head if you qualify or wish to discuss this further. All information received will be kept strictly confidential.

The deadline for receiving information on Free School Meals and Adopted from Care is Thursday 16 January 2014 in order to qualify for the additional funding from April 2014. Information received **after** this date will not receive additional funding until April 2015.

Student Safety & Well-being

Our students safety and well - being are our paramount concern. When you visit school you will be politely asked to have a means to identify yourself. This could be your bank card, driver's license, and/or your passport. This enables us to be completely sure that we are dealing with the parents of students in our school. Please do not be offended by our polite request be aware that we are all working to safeguard our students.