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EXTRA FUNDING FOR YOUR CHILD

**Could you be eligible for extra funding for your child in school?
Pupil Premium funding may be available to support your child in school**

Read on to find out more

What is the Pupil Premium?

The Pupil Premium is additional funding given to schools so that they can support specific groups of pupils who may be at risk of underachievement. Nationally there is a gap in attainment between children who are eligible for Free School Meals and their peers. The main purpose of the Pupil Premium is to close this gap by raising the achievement and aspirations of disadvantaged groups of children. The Pupil Premium is to be used to provide targeted support to improve the life chances of these children so that they can reach their full potential.

Who is eligible for the Pupil Premium?

The Pupil Premium is allocated to schools for pupils who are known to be eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) or who have been eligible at any point in the past 6 years. It is also allocated for children who have been looked after by the local authority continuously for more than 6 months as well as children who have been adopted. A smaller grant is also allocated for children whose parents serve in the armed forces. Nationally, this group of children is not under-achieving compared to their peers but the premium enables schools to provide extra support including pastoral support where required. Children whose parents have left the Services since April 2011 (when the Premium was first introduced) will still be eligible, up to a maximum of six years.

Pupil Premium Guiding Principles

The Pupil Premium funding is used at Welford & Wickham in the following way:

- Ensure that the needs of individual Pupil Premium children are met
- Provide specific support interventions within and outside of the classroom where appropriate
- Report to parents, governors and teaching staff
- Ensure everyone involved is aware of current information regarding Pupil Premium and provide training where necessary
- Monitor the academic progress of Pupil Premium children
- Provision of extra-curricular opportunities
- Quality First Teaching
- Continued Professional Development





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- Emotional support for both pupils and adults
- Working 1:1 nurture time with pupils and in small groups
- Financial provision for educational clubs, extra-curricular experiences and school trips
- Specific funding needs for families

How can parents and carers contribute to the success of the Pupil Premium scheme?

Parental support and involvement is a key factor in raising standards. If you would like help or advice with supporting your child, please contact your child's class teacher.

Who is entitled to Free School Meals?

Your child may be entitled to Free School Meals, if you are entitled to receive any of the following: If your child is eligible for free school meals, it is worth registering them even if they're not going to have the school lunch. It will have a direct impact on the funding and will maximise the support we can provide.

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support from NASS (National Asylum Support Service) under part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on
- Universal Credit

Kind regards,

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'Where the children come first'

