

Wednesday 10th January

Dear Parents/Carers

**Pupil Premium Plus Funding**

Every October, we are required by the Department for Education (DfE) to complete our school census and the information from this census is used to allocate funding to schools. If your child has previously been in care and is now living with you through adoption, a Special Guardianship Order or a Child Arrangement Order, we are able to claim additional funding. This funding is called Pupil Premium Plus and the school is able to claim £2530 each year to support and promote this group of children's educational and wider needs.

In order for school to be able to claim the Pupil Premium Plus funding, you must opt-in and declare the 'previously in care' status for your child before the completion of the October census. We will need to see a copy of the court order or a letter from the Local Authority. This information will be treated sensitively and in the strictest of confidence. Names and details are not included in the census. Once you have declared your child's status to us, you do not need to do this again, but the declaration will need to be completed each time your child starts a new school.

In school, Myself; Mrs Albert and Mrs Edwards are the designated persons for children who have previously been in care. Please get in contact with us if you wish to declare your child's 'previously in care' status. The information you provide to us will only be used for the purpose of claiming the Pupil Premium Plus funding, however, we are keen to work in partnership with you to better understand and support your child. If you would like to discuss how best to support your child in school and for further details on how the Pupil Premium Plus funding is spent, Mrs Edwards would welcome a discussion with you.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Albert  
Principal