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Dear Parent/Carer

### **Pupil Premium funding**

We are writing to all parents to make you aware of the benefits of pupil premium funding which the government gives to state schools each year. This funding is used to ensure that all pupils, regardless of their background or financial situation, achieve the best quality education and reach their full potential.

We are committed to spending the additional pupil premium funding we receive on putting support in place to help all our pupils. In the past, we have supported our pupils by:

- Subsidising school trips
- Organising breakfast clubs
- Supporting additional tuition and intervention
- Implementing and supporting various other strategies.

The school is required to publish a report on its website at the end of each school year documenting how the pupil premium funding was spent and the impact it has had, so you can see more specifics regarding how the money has helped your child and other pupils on our website.

Although this funding supports all children, it is intended to directly benefit the children who are eligible. Your child may be eligible for pupil premium funding and free school meals if you are in receipt of one of the following:

- Universal Credit
- Income-Based Jobseekers' Allowance
- Income-Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- State Pension Credit
- Income Support
- Working Tax Credit.

If you think that your child may be eligible for this funding and they are not already in receipt of it you can see if they are eligible by completing the form attached here - [Free school meals and pupil premium - Section 1 - Online Forms \(achieveservice.com\)](#). Alternatively, you can contact Mr Dwyer (Equalities Ambassador) [jdwyer@ribblesale.org](mailto:jdwyer@ribblesale.org) who will be happy to assist you with completing the form.



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Your child should still be accessing the pupil premium funding for 6 years after your allowances above have ended, if they are a Looked-after child or a previously Looked-after child. Pupils also attract Pupil Premium support if they meet one of the following criteria:

- one of their parents is serving in the regular armed forces (including pupils with a parent who is on full commitment as part of the full-time reserve service).
- they have been registered as a 'service child' on a school census since 2016, see note on the DfE's Ever 6 service child measure.

Please note that pupils who are registered for free school meals do not have to eat them. If you are eligible but you want your child to have packed lunches, you should still register because the school will receive the funding which can support your child in other ways.

Please feel welcome to contact us if you would like to talk in confidence about your child's eligibility for the pupil premium or how we use this funding.

Yours sincerely

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