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Dear parent/carers

I am writing to you in relation to funding that is allocated to schools for the specific purpose of boosting the attainment of learners from low-income families.

Funding is based on children who have registered for a free school meal at any point in the last six years, children that are in care or adopted and children whose parents are currently serving in the armed forces.

The Government believes that a 'Pupil Premium', which is additional to main school funding, is the best way to address the current, underlying inequalities between disadvantaged children and their peers, by ensuring that funding to tackle disadvantage reaches the learners who need it most.

The purpose of the funding is to:

- Improve the academic outcomes of disadvantaged learners of all abilities
- Close the attainment gap between disadvantaged learners of all abilities across the country

The DfE make it clear that, 'There is no expectation that schools should spend the grant only on eligible pupils, or on a per eligible pupil basis... When taking decisions on how to spend the grant we strongly encourage school leaders to consider evidence on what will have the most impact for their pupils.'

Some of the most effective spending will be on whole school strategies, including improving the quality of teaching, which have the potential to impact positively on all learners. We publish details of our expenditure online for you to read. And some of the funding will be available to support educational visits and personal development areas, for instance music lessons and extra curriculum sports clubs.

If you feel that your child would benefit from this additional funding in some specific way, please contact your Head of Year to discuss ways in which we might be able to support your child.

Yours faithfully

Mr V Groak
Headteacher