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## Pupil Premium Funding

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Are you a single parent? Are you and/or your partner not working at the moment or working reduced hours? Is your family in receipt of any benefit? If the answer to any of these questions is yes, your child might be entitled to Pupil Premium funding.**

Pupil Premium is funding allocated to schools for the purpose of boosting the attainment of pupils from low-income families. It is intended to enable schools to provide targeted support to help children reach their full potential. Funding is allocated for children who are Looked after by the Local Authority (CLA) and for every child who is registered for Free School Meals.

### **How is this funding used at Parkland?**

At Parkland, Pupil Premium funding is used to provide training for staff to ensure that they can deliver quality first teaching, targeted support and focused intervention to support closing the attainment gap and wider strategies including breakfast and pastoral provision to support the health and wellbeing of our pupils.

### **Who is eligible for Free School Meals?**

Children are eligible to receive free school meals if their parents receive any of the following:

- Income support (IS)
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA)
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA(IR))
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs) that does not exceed £16,190.
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit.
- Children who receive Income Support or Income Based Job Seekers Allowance in their own right are also entitled to receive free school meals.
- Universal Credit

Please note that Pupil Premium funding is additional funding that parents must register for.

For schools to receive this funding, a child must be entitled to Free School Meals or has previously been receiving Free School Meals. In Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, all pupils receive universal free school meals. This is not the same as Free School Meals, therefore, if you are on any of the benefits identified above, even if your child does not want to have a hot meal each day and has a packed lunch, it is important that you apply for Pupil Premium funding so that your child can benefit as it not only provides pupils with a school meal but supports your child's learning.

To check if your child is eligible, we need information about you and your child. Please complete the attached Application for Free School Meals form and return to your child's school. We will then be able to make the application on your behalf. The school office will advise you of the outcome. Paper copies of the form can be requested at the school office.

Alternatively, you can contact Leicestershire County Council on 0116 305 5417 and supply them with the information required on the application form.

All information will be treated in the strictest confidence and does not affect any other benefits being claimed.

If you have any additional questions relating to Pupil Premium, please contact the school office.

Kind regards



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