



MURRAY PARK SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian

Did you know... just registering your child for free school meals means that Murray Park School will receive extra funding to enhance your child's education?

You may already have heard about the introduction of the Government initiative, the "Pupil Premium". This is a grant available for schools, determined by the number of Pupils eligible. If your child has been in receipt of Free School Meals (FSM) within the last 6 years this grant is then offered to the school to support your child's learning.

We are sending this letter to all parents to ask if you would read the criteria below and see if you think your child may be eligible. If your child/children have qualified for Free School Meals over this period - even if you opted out or now, no longer qualify – please do let us know so we can apply for the additional funding for all our pupils and our school.

The Pupil Premium is targeted funding; we have to demonstrate to the Government how we use the funding to benefit your child. There is an annual report on our website detailing the wide variety of Teaching and Learning initiatives and intervention strategies that the Pupil Premium funding has enabled. These include extra-curricular activities, literacy and numeracy assistance plans, homework clubs and revision clubs; all designed to enhance your child's education.

If you are successful in registering for FSM, your child immediately receives the benefit of school dinners, with a wide range of healthy options offered in our canteen. You may have made the decision to provide your child with a packed lunch out of preference. Consider that if you choose your own packed lunch option then you should still register with the school so that school are in receipt of this grant.

Pupil Premium students will also have access to;

- *Free breakfast each school day.*
- *Free resources – pencil case, pens, pencils, rulers, highlighters, etc.*
- *Free study guides for individual subjects.*
- *Subsidised trips – UK and abroad.*
- *Subsidised school uniform. (please contact finance for an additional form)*
- *Subsidised end of school prom.*
- *Free memory sticks and/or free printing in school.*
- *Regular mentoring, support and intervention.*

Please read the qualifying criteria below to help you determine your child's eligibility.

1. currently, or have been, entitled to free school meals **at any point** over the past 6 years.
2. in local authority care or adopted from local authority care.
3. have at least one parent working for the Armed Services or have had at some point in the past 4 years.

If you have any questions regarding Pupil Premium entitlement and to apply for Free School Meals please contact Student Services for guidance on: 01332 515921 (Additional information can be found on our school website under parents and support).

If you require assistance with school uniform, please contact the Finance Office on: 01332 515921 for an application form.

Register now to make sure both Murray Park School and your child don't miss out!

Yours faithfully,

Finance Department