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Dear Parents/Carers

## **Pupil Premium – Eligibility and Funding Information for Parents**

At The Hayesbrook School we have a clear commitment to the highest of expectations and achievement for all. This means tackling and overcoming obstacles to achievement caused by material disadvantage and raising the attainment of those students in low income families. We can apply for additional funding for all of our year 7 to 11 students who:

- Have received free school meals within the last 6 years
- Have parents who are in the armed services
- Have been in local authority care or have been adopted from local authority care

Pupil Premium funding is spent in a wide variety of ways, including provision for groups, welfare support and training. Some of the funding is also used for provision which is tailored to suit each individual student and family's needs. For example, we may provide additional English and mathematics tuition where needed, intensive career guidance and help with the cost of equipment and educational trips. A detailed breakdown of spending for each academic year is published on a separate document on our website.

We are keen to ensure that Pupil Premium funding is used effectively to support students in genuine need, and therefore allocate funding for individual costs such as equipment or visits on a case by case basis. Should you wish to request financial assistance please write, in confidence, to Mrs C McGroarty, Finance Assistant.

## **Free School Meal Eligibility**

The school can apply for the additional Pupil Premium funding for all students who have been eligible for free school meals at any time in the last six years. Even if your child does not intend to have the school meal, if you make an application and qualify, we can get the additional funding to help their learning. Your child may be eligible for free school meals if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit

Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)

- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit

To check your eligibility and make an application, follow this link <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

### **Year 6 Transition**

We work closely with our Primary feeder schools to transfer information about students, and will automatically identify students who are eligible for Pupil Premium.

### **Year 12 and 13**

Pupil Premium funding does not extend beyond Year 11. However, students can apply for the 16-19 bursary using the application form on the school website. All students who were eligible for free school meals or Pupil Premium are encouraged to apply.

Yours faithfully



Executive Principal