

4th November 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: Years 7-11 - Pupil Premium Funding

You may be aware that the government allocates additional pupil premium funding to schools.

One of the criteria used to calculate this additional funding is the number of pupils at a school who receive Free School Meals (FSMs) or have done so in the past six years. Pupil premium money is intended to close the attainment gap between disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged students by targeting the students who need it most.

If you feel your child is eligible for FSM, please contact the school data office; registration is quick and easy. For more details about thresholds, please see the attached guidance.

Since April 2014, this funding has been extended to cover children who have been adopted from care or who left care under a Special Guardianship Order (SGO) on or after 30 December 2005. Schools can also claim the pupil premium for children who left care under a Residence Order (RO) on or after 14 October 1991. The funding does not apply to adoptions as a result of marriage. We can only claim the pupil premium for adopted children, and those who are the subject of a SGO and RO, once parents have informed the school and provided supporting evidence, for example, the Adoption (Court) Order.

Please be reassured that any information supplied to us will be treated in the strictest confidence. You can do this by contacting our Data Manager, Anna Harrington on 0118 978 0165 ext. 279 or by email a.harrington@holt.wokingham.sch.uk. She will also be able to help you check your eligibility for any of these circumstances.

The money is allocated to initiatives in school to ensure that disadvantaged students have the same opportunities as their peers both academically and socially. An outline of how we allocated the funding last year and our plans for this year can be found on the school website.

All pupil premium students at The Holt School are entitled to:

- Financial assistance with all school day trips and up to £300 towards residential trips whilst at The Holt.
- Text books and revision books will be provided and paid for by the school.
- Ingredients (up to £5 per request) for food and nutrition lessons – receipts need to be handed into the finance office and you will be reimbursed from petty cash.
- Materials (up to £20) for technology lessons will be paid for by the school.
- Supervised home learning support in the Learning Link for students at lunchtime from 1.45pm to 2.15pm.
- Supervised home learning in the LRC Monday – Thursday 3.30pm – 4.45pm and Friday 3.30pm – 4.15pm.

The government introduced a Service children premium in April 2011. Unlike the main pupil premium this is not about raising attainment but about providing additional (mainly pastoral) support and we use it to support our school counselling service.

If you have any queries regarding the allocation of pupil premium funding then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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