



Bandon Hill Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Pupil Premium Funding

In April 2001 the government introduced 'The Pupil Premium Grant'. This means that schools are allocated additional funding into their school budget for children that qualify for this grant. The purpose of the grant is to raise achievement and improve outcomes for the children. As well as support for academic subjects, it may also be used to fund support for non-academic interventions to help increase self-esteem, develop social skills, improve relationships, confidence etc. Some examples of the extra support that children at Bandon Hill who are eligible for this grant are receiving are; small group extra writing sessions, maths challenge groups, one to one mentoring and play therapy.

The Pupil Premium Grant is available to children who fall into any of the four categories below:

- Children entitled to Free School Meals
- Children of Service Personnel
- Children who are 'Looked After' (in care)
- Children who have been adopted from care

In common with most schools it is likely that a number of parents/carers whose children attend our school fail to claim Free School Meals which is part of the Pupil Premium Grant, even though they are entitled to them. As the school will receive additional funding based on the number of children registered for Free School Meals I am writing to all parents and carers to ask them, if they believe that they may be entitled, to claim for their children if they do not already do so.

Although all children in Reception and Key Stage 1 are able to receive free school meals it is important that anyone who is in receipt of any of the benefits listed underneath makes a claim to enable the school to access the additional funding, and to enable your child to receive free school meals in Key Stage 2. Please note that your child does not need to have a school meal if they would rather bring their own packed lunch, even if you make the claim.

Families who receive the following are eligible for Free School Meals:

- Income support
- Income-based job seeker's allowance (JSA)
- Income-related employment and support allowance (ESA)
- Guarantee element of state pension credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- Both income-based and contribution-based JSA/ESA if you receive the same amount for both. You should also qualify if you receive both but the Income-based amount is greater, but not if the contribution-based amount is greater
- Families who are awarded Child Tax Credit and have an annual income, as assessed by HMRC, not in excess of £16,190 are also eligible to claim free school meals providing there is no entitlement to Working Tax Credit (unless in respect of a 4-week 'run-on').

It is also important that the school is aware if your child is in any of the categories listed other than Free School Meals.

Applying for Free School Meals is now very straightforward and free so if you unsure whether or not you are eligible, then please fill in the relevant form to check. Parents can fill in an online form on the following website https://www.sutton.gov.uk/info/200521/benefits/1288/free_school_meals_and_pupil_premium

Any information you provide will be treated in absolute confidence.

If you have any queries or need further advice or support completing your application please contact me.

Many thanks

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Pupil Premium Leader