



Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Pupil Premium Funding

Dear parents and families,

I would just like to take an opportunity to remind you about a channel of funding which schools are entitled to if children/families meet certain criteria: The Pupil Premium Grant. This grant is additional funding for publicly funded schools in England to raise the attainment of disadvantaged pupils of all abilities and to close the gaps between them and their peers.

Some of you will be most familiar with the funding in terms of pupils' free school meals entitlement.

A summary of pupil premium funding for 2017/18 is as follows:

Disadvantaged group	PPG per pupil
Pupils in year groups reception to year 6 as recorded as Ever 6 FSM (in receipt of free schools meals at any point within the last 6 years)	£1,320
Pupils in years 7 to 11 recorded as Ever 6 FSM	£935
Looked after children (LAC) defined in Children Act 1989 as one who is in the care of, or provided with accommodation by, an English local authority	£1,900
Children who have ceased to be looked after by a local authority in England and Wales because of adoption, a special guardianship order, a child arrangements order or a residence order	£1,900
Service Children	PPG per pupil
Pupils in year groups reception to year 11 recorded as Ever 6 service child or in receipt of child pension from the Ministry of Defence (children who have been service pupils in the last 6 years or whose parents receive a military pension)	£300

**Free School Meals**

These are available to children whose families are in receipt of certain benefits. This also helps school considerably as we receive additional funding for these children (see table above). It also means that your child would be entitled to a free place on a school residential if we use North Yorkshire approved sites, which we tend to do.

Eligible benefits/criteria include one or more of the following:

- Income support
- Income-based jobseekers' allowance
- Income-related employment and support allowance
- Child tax credit with an income of less than £16,190 and not in receipt of working tax credit
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Guarantee element of state pension credit
- Where parents are entitled to working tax credit during a four-week "run-on" period immediately after their employment has ceased, or after they have started to work fewer than 16 hours a week, their children are entitled to free school meals.
- Children who receive income support or income-based Jobseekers' allowance in their own right are also entitled to free school meals.



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**IMPORTANT:** Even if your child is currently in key stage one and therefore receiving a universal free school meal, you may still be entitled to a free-school meal assessment which attracts pupil premium funding for schools. It is easy to confuse these two entitlements and therefore some families haven't undergone an assessment for FSM where they may be eligible. This may mean that school is not receiving their funding entitlement.

If you think this may apply to your child, please have a look at North Yorkshire's website for more details and please consider making an application (two forms are attached – one for children in KS1, up to and including Y2 (FMB2), and one for Y3 to Y6 (application for assistance with free school meals and residential visits)):

<http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/article/25811/Free-school-meals>

### **Service Children**

Though we are usually aware of current service families, the entitlement for service pupil PPG has recently changed to an ever 6 measure which means that, if either parent has served in the forces in the last 6 years, or is in receipt of a MoD pension, your child is entitled to the additional funding. This question will be asked on your child's initial registration form, though the criteria may have changed since your child started school. If you think there is a chance that your child may be entitled to this funding, please contact me or the school office directly so that we can amend your records, access the funding, and plan for the way in which we intend to spend it to support your child(ren).

### **PPG Accountability**

Schools maintained by the local authority (like ours) must publish their strategy for using the pupil premium on their website (visit ours here: <http://askrigg.n-yorks.sch.uk/data/documents/pupil-premium-2017-18.pdf>).

Please note that PPG funding is ring-fenced to support disadvantaged pupils and the impact of its spending is carefully scrutinised by Governors and Ofsted. Our online (publicly available) report suppresses pupil data as we have such a small number of pupils entitled to PPG that this may identify individuals.

If you would like any more information or have any further questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Many thanks

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Charlotte Harper'.

Charlotte Harper  
Headteacher