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Pupil Premium Funding

As you may know, all schools receive additional funding for children who qualify as Pupil Premium. This means children who have previously (in the last 6 years) or are currently receiving Free School Meals, have a parent serving/previously served in the Armed Forces, or are currently a Looked After Child (fostered or adopted).

Since the start of Universal Free School Meals in Reception and Key Stage 1, many families who are entitled to Pupil Premium status are not registering for it. This means that the school, and the individual children of those families, are missing out on additional funding which could help support their progress.

How do you qualify as Pupil Premium?

You may be entitled to free school meals (FSM) if either parent receives any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of 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
- Looked after child (LAC) i.e. in the care of, or provided with accommodation by an English local authority
- Your child has ceased to be looked after by the local authority because of adoption, special guardianship order, child arrangement order or a residence order
- Either or both parents are regular members of the HM Armed Forces

What is the point of being registered as Pupil Premium?

All children registered as Pupil Premium are monitored for their academic progress and attainment by their teachers. All will have some form of additional intervention support through the year — this may be Able, Gifted and Talented workshops, additional academic support or it may be emotional and social support. At Cardinal Newman School, we also give Pupil Premium families a termly voucher to put towards the cost of extra-curricular clubs or school trips.

Sometimes families registered as Pupil Premium have need of further financial / community support. For every family this may look different. For example, some families have had support with buying school uniform, school shoes or equipment for school. Other families have been given support to get to school by public transport, while we have supported another family to organise lifts to extracurricular events. Others have had grants to enable the children to participate in residential trips or extra-curricular opportunities.

My child isn't Pupil Premium. Will they miss out?

All children at Cardinal Newman have access to a range of opportunities both within and beyond the curriculum. No child will ever miss out because they are not designated "Pupil Premium." We regularly run Booster groups and Able, Gifted and Talented workshops for all eligible children, as well as employing a Home School Link Worker and Emotional Literacy Support Assistant to support the social and emotional needs of all children who need help with this. As a faith school, we have a responsibility to support every child to the best of our ability and those who have the most need will necessarily get the most support. Pupil Premium funding is one way the Government enables schools to fund the range of support we provide. The more families we can identify as Pupil Premium, the more funding we will have to do this.

Would you like to meet with Mrs Burnham to discuss your child's / family's needs? (If yes, when is convenient? Contact number)

Any other comments?