



Together We Learn and Grow'

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RE: PUPIL PREMIUM AND FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Dear Parents / Carers,

You may be aware that the government introduced 'The Pupil Premium Grant' in April 2011 and schools are allocated additional funding into their school budget. The premium provides funding specifically for children from low income families who have registered. The purpose of the grant into schools is to raise achievement and improve outcomes for these children. This funding is particularly crucial to schools in supporting children following the disruptions we have experienced in recent years due to COVID-19.

In common with most schools, it is likely that a number of parents or carers whose children attend Great Sankey Primary, are failing to claim Free School Meals (FSMs) 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 who receive FSMs I am writing to all parents and carers to ask them, if they believe that they may be entitled to claim for their children and do not already do so, to make a claim.

As I am sure you will agree, the children at our school can only benefit if we are able to attract additional funding. Not only that, our catering team provides an excellent range of healthy lunch options that are enjoyed daily by a significant number of our pupils. Your child may well be able to access these free of charge. Children in KS1 are already entitled to free school meals under the Universal Free School Meals scheme – this is different to the Pupil Premium Free School Meals grant.

At Great Sankey Primary School, we use the grant in a number of ways, whilst ensuring it is carefully targeted for those eligible children in order to help them achieve their potential both academically and socially. The main ways we spend the money are:

- to fund or part-fund the provision of Teaching Assistant support for individuals, small groups and classes to help children to achieve their academic potential.
- to fund the provision of specific resources to support and improve achievement.
- to fund the provision of Teaching Assistant support for non-academic interventions to help increase self-esteem, develop social skills, improve relationships, confidence etc.



- to subsidise extra-curricular activities, visitors and performers to school. Your child may be eligible for Free School Meals as part of the Pupil Premium Grant.

Further information around how our pupil premium children perform and the ways in which we spend this money can be found on our Pupil Premium Statement, available under the school information section on the school website.

If you think that your family meets the criteria and you receive any of the benefits listed below, then please have a look into filling in the attached form or speak to Mr Gawne or Mrs Wilding in school who will be able to advise you on how to apply for Free School Meals (Pupil Premium Funding) to see if you may be eligible.

- Universal credit (provided you have a net income of £7400 or less)
- Income support
- Income-based jobseekers' allowance
- Income-related employment and support allowance
- Support under Part IV of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of state pension credit
- Child tax credit, provided that you are not also entitled to working tax credit and have an annual gross income of £16,190 or less

Children who are or have been in care, and children who have a parent who is or was in the armed forces, are also entitled to pupil premium.

For further details and information about the Pupil Premium Grant, please go to our website under 'school information' or take a look at the following website:

[The parent's guide to the pupil premium | TheSchoolRun](#)

www.theschoolrun.com/parents-guide-pupil-premium

Paper copies of the application form can be requested from the school office if required.

Kind regards,

Mr T. Gawne

Deputy Headteacher

