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Emerson Park Academy

Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to take this opportunity to discuss Pupil Premium with you.

Pupil Premium is funding offered to schools in addition to their main funding. Pupil Premium funding aims to ensure that disadvantaged pupils benefit from the same opportunities as other pupils and to improve education outcomes.

Your child is automatically entitled to Pupil Premium funding if they:

- are eligible for free school meals now
- have had free school meals at any point in the past six years
- are looked after by the local authority or are in foster care for one day or more
- were looked after by an English or Welsh local authority immediately before being adopted, or who left local authority care on a special guardianship order or child arrangements order
- have a parent that is serving in HM Forces
- receive a pension under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme or War Pensions Scheme

The Local Authority informs us at the start of every academic year if a pupil is eligible for free school meals, has been eligible for free school meals in the last six years or if they are in local authority care. Therefore, if any of the first three criteria above apply to your child, you do not need to apply for the Pupil Premium; the school will automatically receive the funding.

However, the Academy is not informed if a child has been adopted from care, is on a Special Guardianship or child arrangements order, or is from a service personnel family. If you think one of these categories applies to your child, kindly contact us as soon as possible by email at info@emersonparkacademy.org.

Your child may qualify for free school meals if you or your child is receiving any of the following benefits:

- Income support
- Income based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income related Employment Support Allowance
- Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (but not Working Tax Credit) and have an annual income of less than £16,190
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Working Tax Credit run-on-paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit (your household income must be less than £7,400 a year after tax and not including any benefits you receive)

If you believe your child may be eligible and they are not already receiving free school meals, you can apply by calling The London Borough of Havering on 01708 433929 or online via

https://www.havering.gov.uk/info/20006/schools_and_education/431/school_support

If it is confirmed that your child is entitled to free school meals, they will remain eligible until they finish the phase of schooling (primary or secondary) they are in on 31 March 2025.

If you have any further questions regarding Pupil Premium, please do not hesitate to contact the Academy.

Yours sincerely,

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