

## What is the Pupil Premium?

Dear Parents,

Did you know that your child's school could be missing out on **more than £1,200** of funding per year for **6 YEARS** to help **your child** to succeed?

Schools in Solihull are amongst the **lowest** funded in England, so think what a difference this funding might make to your child's future: better resources, more staff to help in class, financial support for you towards trips and clubs, specialist training for staff, more catch-up groups, more support with key skills, mentoring .....

We think there may be lots of families who could be eligible, but have not applied for a range of reasons.

The **Pupil Premium** is additional government money paid to schools to support children:-

- (a) who have parents/carers who work in the armed forces
- (b) who are in the care of the Local Authority foster care/residential care
- (c) who have been adopted from care on or after 29th December 2005
- OR who have left care under a special guardianship order
- OR who have left care under a residence order

*(please [✓] any that apply to your child)*

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- (d) who have parents/carers who receive Income Support OR Income based Job Seeker's Allowance
- (e) have parents who receive Employment & Support Allowance ( this must be Income Related and not Contribution Based)
- (f) have parents who receive Child Tax Credit with no Working Tax Credit and where the household income is less than £16,190.

*NB: You do not qualify if you are in receipt of Working Tax Credit unless you are newly unemployed.*

- (g) have parents who have an ARC card (Asylum Seekers)
- (h) have parents who receive the guaranteed element of state pension credit
- (i) who have received free school meals at **any time in the last 6 years.**

*(please [✓] any that apply to your child)*

**If you have ticked boxes (a), (b), or (c),** please contact our school office to share your supporting evidence, in confidence.

**If you have ticked boxes (d) or (e), (f), (g), (h), or (i) please** complete the attached form and return it (in confidence) to the school office in the envelope provided.

By the way... completing this application form does not mean that your child has to eat a school dinner if you don't want them to, but it might mean that your child's school gets the extra funding it needs and deserves to help your child succeed.

If none of the above applies to your family, **thank you** for taking the time to read this. Maybe you know someone else who should? If so, please pass it on.

### AND ANOTHER THING...

#### FREE EARLY EDUCATION PLACES!

If you have ticked any of the boxes and you have a child who will be aged two on 1st September 2014, you may also be entitled to a free early education place.

Please contact the Solihull Family Information Service on 0121 248 7656, or email: [familyinfo@solihull.gov.uk](mailto:familyinfo@solihull.gov.uk) for more information.

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The Government currently gives a grant to schools to help children from lower income families do their very best. This funding is called a 'Pupil Premium' and it targets young people eligible for free school meals and those who have one or more parents serving in the armed forces.

If you are eligible for pupil premium, it gives you so much more than free school meals!

Last year the funding was spent in several ways. We increased the classroom support for eligible children, which helped their engagement in lessons and provided them with extra feedback on their learning. We paid for school trips which enriched the curriculum and enabled them to participate in peripatetic music lessons which they may have otherwise been unable to access. We also purchased new resources.

No-one will know your child receives pupil premium unless you tell them. School will keep it confidential.

If you think you may be eligible, please talk to Mrs Smith or Mrs Alves in the office, or Sarah Parker, our Family Community Mentor.



**We could help pay** for your child to take part in clubs such as:

- Dazzlers
- Archery
- Football
- Gym Flix

**We could help pay** for music tuition, enabling them to learn a skill that they may otherwise not be able to access.

**We could help pay** for trips and visits.

**REMEMBER:**

Once you are eligible, the funding is attached to your children for **6** years. It is different to Free School Meals, so even if you are not eligible for free school meals after a year, Pupil Premium will not be removed.

If you want any further information about how Pupil Premium is spent in our school, please visit

[www.meridenceprimaryschool.co.uk/infopolicies](http://www.meridenceprimaryschool.co.uk/infopolicies)

or speak to the office, Miss Parker or Mrs Winkler in confidence.

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to help your child.

