

6th November 2018

Dear parents and carers,

I am writing in my role as the strategic lead for Pupil Premium at Ilkley Grammar School.

The Pupil Premium is a government initiative designed to support the achievement of students who fall into the following groups:-

- Children currently in receipt of **Free School Meals** for the academic year 2018-19
- Pupils in years 7 to 11 recorded as **Ever 6 FSM** (children who have been eligible for Free School Meals in the last 6 years)

Your child might be able to get Free School Meals if you get 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
- Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

Other groups who receive the Pupil Premium are:-

- **Looked-after children (CLA)**
- 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**. To enable your child's school to claim the Pupil Premium for an adopted young person, you will need to inform the school about your child and provide supporting evidence, for example, show the school the original Adoption (Court) Order. This will then trigger the payment of the Pupil Premium to the school from April 2019.
- **Service children:** Pupils from Year 7 to Year 11 recorded as Ever 6 Service Child or in receipt of a child pension from the Ministry of Defence.

Our school website will soon be updated for 2018-19 which will include our Pupil Premium Policy and our Annual report on Pupil Premium for 2017-18.

The DfE Conditions of Pupil Premium Grant for 2018-19 can be accessed via the following link:-

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pupil-premium-conditions-of-grant-2018-to-2019>

There is also a wealth of information available on the Bradford Schools Online Website. If you think your child may be eligible to receive Free School Meals or 'Ever 6 Service Child' Premium please make an application via the Bradford website.

<https://bso.bradford.gov.uk/Schools/CMSPage.aspx?mid=3200>

Should you wish to explore the Pupil Premium further please contact me directly and I will be able to answer any questions you may have. Any information shared will be treated in the strictest confidence and there are systems in place to ensure that support for students is provided sensitively.

I can be contacted directly by email Jamie.gutch@ilkleygs.co.uk or by calling the school number.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J.A. Gutch', written in a cursive style.

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