



ILKLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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To the Parent/Carer of «Forename» «Surname»
«AddressBlock»

I am writing to inform you that according to our records «Forename» is part of the Pupil Premium cohort for the academic year 2018-19 and to let you know that I am the strategic lead for Pupil Premium this year.

As you are probably aware the Pupil Premium is a government led initiative that provides the school with extra funding to support eligible students, and it is to be used with the particular focus of raising achievement. Whilst we continue to support all students to achieve their 'Personal Best' we recognise that the Pupil Premium cohort contains students with a very diverse range of individual needs and we therefore carefully target this extra funding to provide additional resources as necessary.

The Pupil Premium is allocated to schools to support students who fall into the following groups:-

- Pupils 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)
- **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
- **Service children:** Pupils in year groups reception to year 11 recorded as Ever 6 Service Child or in receipt of a child pension from the Ministry of Defence

If your child is in Y7 you are receiving this letter because according to the records received from Primary School we believe it is likely that your child falls into one of the above groups. Please be aware that for current Year 7 students, the Primary schools are in receipt of the funding until April 2019.

We are also aware that a very small number of 'Ever 6 Pupil Premium' students currently at IGS will **no longer be eligible** for Pupil Premium from April 2019 as it will be longer than 6 years since they were officially eligible for Free School Meals. If you think your child falls into this category but is still eligible please check on the Bradford website and if applicable re-register.

Our school website has now been updated with our Pupil Premium Policy and the Annual Report for 2017-18 which also includes identified priorities for 2018-19. We hope that all the information you need can be found there.

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:

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

We will be closely monitoring the progress of students in the Pupil Premium cohort at each data point. All teaching staff have been made aware of the students in the Pupil Premium cohort and have received guidance on how to provide



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additional support in the classroom to accelerate student progress as required; for some students this is about addressing underachievement and accelerating progress, for others it is about continuing to achieve at the highest level.

Please note that if a child is eligible for Pupil Premium funding but they do not require any additional support we will still need to monitor their progress. Please see our school website for more details.

The school uses the Pupil Premium money to fund a range of activities, resources and interventions and where possible we will try to target funding to maximise the impact on achievement. Listed below are some examples of what the Pupil Premium money was used for last academic year:

- To provide additional support in English and maths for identified pupils.
- To meet half the cost of all core Curriculum trips and visits.
- To fund Food Technology to provide ingredients for Pupil Premium students as required.
- To fund Resistant Materials to allow Pupil Premium students to manufacture products.
- To provide Pupil Premium students with the equipment and resources they need for their school work including set texts and revision guides for students in year 11.
- To fund a Breakfast Club, to provide students with a nutritious breakfast and a check-in with pastoral staff
- To provide enhanced pastoral and counselling support for students as required.
- To enable students to have iPads
- To provide a limited number of crested items of uniform if required.
- To support participation in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you that Breakfast Club continues to run daily in the Courtyard Café from 8am and that any student in receipt of the Pupil Premium is welcome to attend and to have a hot breakfast at no cost. There is an informal and supportive atmosphere and a member of staff is always on hand.

Should you wish to discuss 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.

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Yours sincerely,



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