

Dear Parents and Carers,

From April 2010 the Government introduced additional funding to help children from lower income families achieve their personal best. This funding is called 'Pupil Premium' and it is allocated to those pupils that are registered for free school meals or have been on the free school meals register at some stage in the last 6 years.

For every child that is registered Dormston School will receive £935 next financial year. Also, if your child is adopted or you have a special guardianship order then 'top up funding' of up to £1,900 is available and although you are under no obligation to provide the school with this information the additional funding can be used to support your child in school.

Pupil Premium funding can be used to offer additional mentoring or guidance and support to your child if they are failing to achieve their target grades. It can also be used to enhance your child's learning experience by supporting reduced fees on enrichment and residential opportunities. The funding can also help to support your child by providing equipment or uniform contributions.

At Dormston we offer a 'Pupil Premium Guarantee' because we aim to support all individuals in receipt of the Pupil Premium to access all aspects of the curriculum in the same way as Non-Pupil Premium students. This can extend to a variety of provision including supporting costs towards revision guides for exams, travel costs to school, instrumental lessons, ingredients for food technology lessons and USB memory sticks to support ICT skills.

Pupil Premium – What next?

1. Firstly check if you qualify – it is not just if you are unemployed, so please look at the list on the back of this letter.
2. If you think that you qualify, contact *Mrs L Dawes* who will help you to register.
3. Your child will then be eligible for a free, healthy meal at lunchtime and breakfast club from 8am in the morning.
4. If you would prefer your child not to have school meals they can still bring their packed lunch as normal. As long as you qualify and are registered, the school still gets the additional funding to support your child's education.

Registration for Pupil Premium is completely confidential and will not affect any benefits that you may claim as it is paid directly to the school. Please register now to make sure your child does not miss out. If you are unsure if you qualify please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely,

Miss E Powers
Acting Assistant Head Teacher

Do you qualify for Pupil Premium support?

You can register your child for the Pupil Premium and therefore also free school meals if you get any of these benefits:

- Income Support.
- Income-based Job Seekers' Allowance.
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance.
- Support under part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit.
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190, as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC).
- If your child is adopted or you have a special guardianship order.
- If your child is a look after child or has a residence order.