



The Ashlands & Misterton Federation

We are a school community with a Christian ethos, providing optimum learning for each child in a happy atmosphere

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Dear Parents,

Each year we receive additional funds into our school budget to enable us to fully support our Pupil Premium children. The following information is an explanation what Pupil Premium is, the benefits associated with it and how to apply.

Pupil Premium - What is it?

Pupil Premium is funding paid by the local authority/government directly to schools. For each child eligible for Pupil Premium the school receives £1320.00 per school year.

What are the benefits?

There are many benefits for both the child and the school, which are reviewed every year to address the individual needs of the children, this year these benefits include:

- Additional funding to support learning, progress and overall achievement
- Small booster group tuition sessions
- Support with learning and emotional needs through the purchase of extra internal resources
- Discretionary subsidised cost of educational and residential trips (please speak to me if you require assistance with payments)
- Supported access to technology in the home.

Why should I apply?

As a small school with limited funding I hope you will understand how essential additional funding is to our continued ability to fully support all our children. We are allocated extra funding primarily to support the needs of children who are entitled to Pupil Premium, however we aim to ensure that through targeted focussed work we are able to further support a wider number of children in our care.

Whilst I realise that not all the Parents and Carers of children who are eligible for Pupil Premium will wish to apply, either because they feel it is not needed by the family or because information of this nature is very sensitive -I would strongly encourage all eligible Parents and Carers to apply.

All information will be treated in the strictest confidence and does not affect any other benefits being claimed. With direct reference to our free school meals, the extra funding will be received by the school whether or not the free school meals are taken up by the child.

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This Federation is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

How do I know if I can apply for Pupil Premium?

To be eligible for Pupil Premium your family must be in receipt of one or more of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seekers' Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided you 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 Customs¹
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for working tax credit

How do I check eligibility for Pupil Premium?

You can check your eligibility for Pupil Premium by completing the attached application form. If there are any sections you do not understand then the lovely ladies in the office will be more than happy to support you with your application check.

If you have any additional questions relating to Pupil Premium then please do come and speak to me or our office staff. We are here to help.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Miss Ball".

Nicola Ball
Executive Headteacher