



Parental Awareness Letter – Pupil Premium

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Dear Parent/Guardian

Did you know... just registering your child for free school meals means that Langtree School will receive extra funding to enhance your child's education?

You may have heard about the Government initiative, the "Pupil Premium". It is a grant available for schools, determined by the number of Pupils eligible. If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals (FSM) or has been within the last 6 years this grant is then offered to the school to support your child's learning.

The Pupil Premium is targeted funding; we have to demonstrate to the Government how we use the funding to benefit your child. There is an annual report on our website detailing the wide variety of Teaching and Learning initiatives and intervention strategies that the Pupil Premium funding has enabled. These include extra-curricular activities, literacy and numeracy assistance plans, homework clubs and revision clubs; all designed to enhance your child's education.

If you are successful in registering for FSM, your child immediately receives the benefit of school lunches, with a wide range of healthy options offered in our canteen. You may have made the decision to provide your child with a packed lunch out of preference. Consider that if you choose your own packed lunch option then you should still register with the school so that school are in receipt of this grant.

Please read the qualifying criteria below to help you determine your child's eligibility. If you have any questions, please contact Annie Temple on: 01491 680514 ext. 226. Email: atemple@langtreeschool.com (additional information can be found on our school website under parents and support).

Register now to make sure both Langtree and your child don't miss out!

Pupil Premium Entitlement

As from July 2014 the following pupils may be eligible for Pupil Premium funding:

- pupils who are registered for a free school meal
- pupils who have been registered for free school meals at any point in the last six years
- pupils who have been adopted from the English or Welsh care system
- pupils who have been placed on a Special Guardianship Order (SGO)
- pupils who left care under a Residence Order (RO) on or after 14 October 1991
- pupils who have been looked after by the Local Authority continuously for more than six months, children of service personnel.

Pupil Premium Grant is paid directly to schools for all eligible students for every pupil mentioned in the above criteria. Senior staff at Langtree will then use the funding in a variety of ways to ensure that all identified students in the categories above are well supported to accelerate progress and to maximise attainment.

Free school meal entitlement - What you need to know

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers 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're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190) FSM only.
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit

Children who get any of the above benefits in their own right (i.e. they get benefits payments directly, instead of through a parent or guardian) can also get free school meals.

This will be confidential and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming.

How do I apply?

Contact: Annie Temple: atemple@langtreeschool.com

We will need the following information:

- Your Name
- Your Date of birth
- National Insurance Number (or registered asylum seekers number)
- Child's details – Name, date of birth and school.

This information will be submitted (securely) to the data checking service at Oxfordshire County Council, who will verify eligibility for FSM.

In the case of adopted children we require formal documentation to be viewed by Mrs Temple in confidence; this will not be photocopied or retained by the school. This request is particularly relevant to any new students who have joined Langtree in recent months.

Many thanks for your help in ensuring that our Pupil Premium register is accurate and that all eligible students benefit from the additional funding to which they are entitled.

Yours sincerely,

Mr S Bamford
Headteacher