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Dear Parents / Carers

Schools can receive the Pupil Premium Plus for children adopted from care, or who left care under a Special Guardianship Order or Child Arrangement Order (Residence Order). The Pupil Premium Plus can be used to provide additional resources to help raise attainment.

Pupils that are eligible include those:

- that were adopted from care
- that left care under a Special Guardianship Order
- that left care under a Residential Order on or after 14 October 1991 (under the Children Act 1989);
- that left care through a Child Arrangement Order

If your child is eligible and you would like the school to receive this funding, then you need to let the school know. If you have already informed the school, there is no need to take further action.

To enable the school to claim the Pupil Premium Plus, you will need to inform the school about your child and provide supporting evidence, for example, show the school the original Adoption (Court) Order. As this document will contain sensitive information about the child's original birth family it is acceptable to photocopy the original document and hide the confidential information.

You will need to self-declare before the 10th January 2020 and the information will be recorded on the next school census in January 2020. This will then trigger the payment of the Pupil Premium Plus to the school. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Under the revised Statutory Guidance that came into effect in September 2018, if your child falls into any of the above categories, or was adopted from abroad (unfortunately, not eligible for pupil premium plus currently), you are entitled to access advice and information from the Designated Teacher in school, [Mrs Reece], and The Virtual School, who can be contacted via email, virtualschool@northtyneside.gov.uk or through their website, <https://ntvs.org.uk/> where more information is available.

Yours faithfully

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