

**PUPIL PREMIUM
FOR ADOPTED CHILDREN**



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An Academy for Success

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Dear Parents

There have been some important changes which may impact upon your child in school. These changes, although not coming into effect until April 2014, require you to notify the school of your child's circumstances.

Many of you will have already responded to the information provided by our adoption services if you are an adoptive parent but we became aware that not all parents in this situation had been made aware.

The changes are that from April, 2014, schools can receive the Pupil Premium for children who were:

- a) Adopted immediately from care on or after 30 December, 2005 (this means the date of the Adoption Order is on or after that date)
- b) Left care direct to a Special Guardianship Order on or after 30 December, 2005 (this means the date of the SGO is on or after that date)

Pupil Premium has been available for some time to help schools raise the attainment of disadvantaged pupils. It is currently paid to schools in respect of these pupils from Reception to Year 11. The Government has now extended the coverage of Pupil Premium to include children adopted from care and those who have left care to a Special Guardianship Order. This is in recognition of the fact that these children may still have some additional needs as a consequence of their early life experiences.

It is really important that you inform the school and provide supporting evidence (for example, showing them the Order) as soon as possible. Schools complete a Schools Census three times a year and they can only include children for Pupil Premium where a parent/carer has informed them in this way.

Please do not think that this does not apply to you if your child is achieving well at school. Schools are being encouraged to use this money creatively and it could be that they will come up with an idea that will add to your child's enjoyment and attainment within school.

Please remember to contact the school to ensure that your child is included in the School Census.

Yours sincerely

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Head teacher