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Dear Parents and Carers

THE PUPIL PREMIUM

The Government is giving money to schools to help children from lower income families do their very best. This funding is called a 'Pupil Premium'.

For every child who qualifies, The Axholme Academy will receive £935 during 2019-2020. With this money we could provide a range of additional support to students including: employing extra tutors to deliver small group tuition in subjects such as English and Maths, provision of free revision materials and study guides and extra pastoral support.

Therefore, if you believe that your child may qualify for the Pupil Premium, would you please register as soon as possible to ensure that they (and others who qualify) do not miss out.

How does it work?

1. First, check if you qualify – this is not just if you are unemployed, so please look at the list at the bottom of the next page.
2. Registering is really quick and easy. If you think you qualify, contact North Lincolnshire Council on 01724 297217 who will help you to register. Alternatively you can apply online via a form on the North Lincolnshire Council website, or in person at a Local Link Office.
3. If you want your child to have a free, healthy meal at lunchtime, they will get the free meal (saving you more than £350 a year), extra benefits and the school will receive the Pupil Premium.
4. If you don't want your child to have the school meals they can continue as normal – as long as you qualify and are registered, the school will still receive the £935 funding.

No one will know you have registered and this will not affect any other benefits you are claiming.

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'ADOPTED FROM CARE' AND THE PUPIL PREMIUM

From April 2014, schools also receive extra funding for students who were in care, but have left care to be adopted or placed with carers on a Special Guardianship Order (SGO) or Child Arrangements Order (CAO, formerly known as a Residence Order).

It is up to those with parental responsibility (adoptive parents, special guardians and carers of former looked after children on Child Arrangement Orders) to decide if they wish schools to know whether their children fit into any of these categories.

If any parents/carers do want The Axholme Academy to know this information (and therefore enable the school to claim the additional funding), please contact Mrs Millward (Student Support Manager).

Finally, I would like to thank you for taking the time to consider the importance of The Pupil Premium and assure you that any information provided will be treated with the utmost confidentiality at all times.

Yours faithfully

Mr B Creasy
Vice Principal

HOW TO QUALIFY

You can register your child for Free School Meals if you receive any of these benefits:

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400
- Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190

<https://www.northlincs.gov.uk/schools-libraries-and-learning/schools-colleges-and-further-education/free-school-meals/>