

Drifffield Junior School



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Dear Parents/Carers

Pupil Premium Funding

You may be aware that part of the funding schools receive from the Government is called Pupil Premium Funding and is given to schools to help pupils reach their full potential, regardless of their background or financial situation. This is based on research showing that children from low income families and some other circumstances perform less well at school than their peers.

Children in the following circumstances attract Pupil Premium Funding:

- Are registered for free school meals
- Have been registered for free school meals at any point in the past 6 years
- Are in the care of a Local Authority
- Have been adopted from care
- Have parents in the armed forces

Free School Meals

Drifffield Junior School receives an extra £1,320 for every eligible pupil who is registered for free school meals.

Your child might be eligible if you access:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of 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)
- Working Tax Credit run-on
- Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month)

During the roll out of Universal Credit, children registered for free school meals on 1st April 2018 will remain eligible until they leave us.



If you are in receipt of the appropriate benefits but have chosen not to apply for free school meals please consider applying. Your child does not have to eat a school meal if they prefer to bring a packed lunch, but our school will still receive the funding to support your child in other ways.

Care of a Local Authority

Pupils under the care of a Local Authority receive an extra £1,900.

Adopted from Care

We receive an extra £2,300 for pupils who:

- Have been adopted from care in England and Wales
- Left care under a Special Guardianship Order (SGO), or
- Left care under a Child Arrangements Order (CAO, formerly known as a Residence Order)

In order to access the funding parents and guardians must declare their child's adoptive, SGO or CAO status directly to the school and must provide evidence, for example, a copy of the legal order or confirmation letter from the local authority who placed their child. We cannot access the funding without this declaration and evidence.

Service Premium

The Service Premium gives schools £300 extra funding to support children and young people with parents in the armed forces. Pupils attract the premium if they meet the following criteria:

- One of their parents is serving in the regular armed forces
- One of their parents served in the regular armed forces in the last 3 years
- One of their parents died while serving in the armed forces and the pupil is in receipt of a pension under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme (AFCS) and the War Pensions Scheme (WPS).

If your child meets one of the above Service Premium criteria please let us know as this will enable us to claim this additional funding

More Information

Schools choose how to spend their pupil premium money, as the government believe they are best placed to identify what would be of most benefit to the children. We have a clear, strategic approach to the use of Pupil Premium funding, which is monitored and evaluated regularly. In depth data analysis and evaluation ensures that the correct support and strategies are in place to maximise progress for every child.

In addition, as part of our support strategy, pupils attracting pupil premium funding may not be charged for attending breakfast club, school peripatetic music lessons, school visits or the Y6 residential visit.

This extra money makes a real difference to the quality of education we can offer. We encourage you to register for free school meals if you qualify and make sure we know about any other circumstances that could attract extra funding.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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