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ACADEMY**

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Dear Parent/Carer

### **Student Pupil Premium**

Part of the Hastings Academies Trust

You may be aware that the Government allocates additional funding to schools for children who are considered disadvantaged. There are several categories for this; the main criteria is students in receipt of free school meals (now or within the last 6 years) but the funding can also be given for students who are in Local Authority Care (looked after children) or those students who have been adopted from local authority care. Students from families in the armed forces are also eligible.

This funding is designed to help the school achieve the best outcomes for the eligible child.

The funding can be used to fund support in the form of training on attachment issues for teachers and support staff, tailored support in certain circumstances, or additional whole class interventions that would not be possible without this funding.

#### For free school meals entitled students

If your child is entitled to free school meals but you have not applied, you may want to consider making an application to allow this additional funding to be applied for by the school.

#### For Looked after children

The students are identified by the local authority and their funding is used for specific support from the Virtual School (the academy has no direct access to this funding stream).

#### For students adopted from care

Children who left care under a Residential Order and those that left care under a Special Guardianship Order are also eligible. There was an initial eligibility date of 2006 for adopted students but this date has been withdrawn so all adopted students are now eligible. Only if your child is recorded as being adopted and eligible, or fulfils the other criteria regarding Residential Orders or Special Guardianship Orders, can this funding be requested.

We understand this is a sensitive issue and assure you we will be discreet and treat the information sensitively. You will not need to bring the original of the adoption order, special guardianship order or residence order; a photocopy with sensitive information concealed will suffice. This information may be, for instance, the names of birth parents. We will then simply record the viewing of it. This will be done confidentially, of course, and recorded information will be stored securely in compliance with the Data Protection Act. If your child changes school you will need to inform the new school once again so that funding can continue.

If you wish to discuss this matter with a member of the school's pupil premium team please contact me at the academy on 01424 711950 or by email to the office [thaoffice@hasla.org.uk](mailto:thaoffice@hasla.org.uk).

Yours faithfully

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