

Date 29<sup>th</sup> April 2024

## Letter to Parents or Carers of All Children

Dear Parent or Carer

### **Re: Pupil Premium Funding**

We have been asked to send out the following information from our Schools Data Team as they have identified that Pupil Premium is an area where funding is being missed in regards to Post Looked After (PLAA) children.

*'40% of Kirklees Post Looked After children have not been recorded in School Census, that figure does not include those outside of Kirklees. This is likely due to parents not self-declaring their child's status to you. This may be due to them not knowing that extra funding is available to support their child.'*

The Government provide extra funding for schools to support any pupils who have been adopted and who have spent some time as a looked after child. The details are below:

### **Pupil Premium – Children previously looked after**

The grant is available for pupils who are those who are aged 4 and above from reception to year 11, who are:

- previously looked-after children: pupils who were looked after by a local authority, adopted from state care from abroad or other state care immediately before being adopted,
- or who left local authority or other state care on a special guardianship order (SGO) or child arrangements order (CO) (previously known as a residence order).

To attract the Pupil Premium for adopted children, and those who are the subject of a SGO and CO, parents and guardians will need to inform the school about their child's circumstances and provide supporting evidence, for example, the Adoption (Court) Order or documentary evidence of their child's adopted from abroad status, in time for the school to record the child's status on the School Census in October.

Further guidance is provided by the DfE ([www.education.gov.uk](http://www.education.gov.uk)) – it is important to note that: *'it will be up to those who have parental responsibility (adoptive parents, special guardians and carers of former looked after children on residence orders) to decide if they wish schools to know whether such children have been adopted or are under a special guardianship order or a residence order'*.

**Please note:** You are under no obligation to provide us with this information, and we respect your right to keep your child's circumstances private. We will, of course, treat any information we receive with the utmost confidentiality. However providing us with the details will allow us to access the additional funding. Also, please note if you have provided information to a previous setting relating to your child's status, this information will not transfer to us automatically, you will need to declare your child's status to us.

The additional funding for PLAA children is **£2570** which will of course enable us to do even more to ensure these pupils are supported to achieve their potential.

If you would like to discuss this matter in confidence with the Headteacher please contact the school either via email: [andy.blakeley@kirkleeseducation](mailto:andy.blakeley@kirkleeseducation) or 01924 489736 to make an appointment.

If you feel able to provide this information, please call into the school office with the relevant documents by Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2024.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter  
Yours sincerely

*Andy Blakeley*

Mr Blakeley - Headteacher

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