



THE BILLERICAY SCHOOL

CARING ABOUT SUCCESS

20 September 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Pupil Premium Grant

The Billericay School cares about the success of our students and encourages them to have aspiration for their futures. We believe that all students should be given the opportunity to reach their full potential, regardless of their circumstances or prior attainment. The Pupil Premium Grant funding is available to help students from disadvantaged backgrounds, ensuring they have the opportunity to reach their potential by supporting their progress and perform as well as their peers.

Schools get Pupil Premium funding based on the number of pupils on-roll who receive free school meals (FSM), are looked after children (LAC) or from families with parents in the Armed forces. The DfE states: "School leaders are best placed to assess their pupils' needs and use the funding to improve attainment, drawing on evidence of effective practice. It is up to school leaders to decide how to spend the pupil premium." Schools are required to publish a pupil premium strategy to outline how the school is allocating the money and the strategies in place to support these students. Your child may be eligible for free school meals if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related 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 - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

If you are not in receipt of FSMs currently but believe you meet any of the criteria listed, you can either submit an application via the following link:

https://essex-self.achieveservice.com/service/Free_School_Meals_application?accept=yes&consentMessageIds%5b%5d=4

or contact Mrs Kelly in our main school office.

Yours sincerely,

Miss K Dempster
Assistant Headteacher