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Dear Parent / Carer

Pupil Premium Grant

The Pupil Premium Grant is additional funding given to state-funded schools in England to help raise the attainment of disadvantaged pupils and close the gap between them and their peers. The grant is funded by the government and is worth up to an extra £2,300 per pupil. The money is not awarded to individual pupils; it is allocated to a whole school 'pot', which is then left to the discretion of the school to allocate how it feels best serves all the pupils in receipt of Pupil Premium funding. GTS is proud to have been awarded the 2016 Pupil Premium Award for the South West region for its excellence in results for Pupil Premium pupils.

There are four elements to the Pupil Premium Grant:

1. Free School Meal eligibility;
2. Service children;
3. Adopted from care, special guardianship order and residence order;
4. Children in care.

Children whose parents are receiving any of the following are entitled to Free School Meals:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods);
- Income Support (IS);
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance (IBSJA);
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (IRESA);
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit;
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999;
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs, which does not exceed £16,190);
- Working Tax Credit run-on (the payment you receive for a further four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit).

Children who receive a qualifying benefit in their own right can also get Free School Meals.

If your child qualifies for Free School Meals, it's important that you tell the school – even if they take a packed lunch – as this enables the school to claim Pupil Premium.

If you meet the above criteria and believe you may be eligible for the Pupil Premium Grant, please speak to Mrs Helen Whiterod, INCo. Alternatively, you can ring the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019. You can also find more information at <https://new.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/school-meals> A further link from this page to the **Citizen Portal** is the quickest and easiest way to apply and will result in an instant decision.

If you would like to know how we allocate the Pupil Premium funding, please click on this link:
<http://www.gts.devon.sch.uk/information/pupilpremium.html>

Yours sincerely



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