



Headteacher – Mrs Rachel Hocking

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Dear Parents and Carers

Re: The Importance of Pupil Premium Funding – extra funding to help our pupils thrive

Did you know that Lobley Hill Primary School can receive extra government funding to support your child's learning? This is called Pupil Premium, and it's available for children who are, or have been, eligible for Free School Meals, are in care, or have a parent in the armed forces.

I am writing to inform and explain what Pupil Premium funding is, and how it helps us to provide the best possible education for every child at Lobley Hill Primary School.

The Pupil Premium is additional funding given to schools by the government to help improve the progress and achievement of pupils who may face particular challenges. It is provided for children who are, or have been, eligible for Free School Meals in the last six years, as well as for children in care and those with parents serving in the armed forces.

Even if your child already receives a free school meal as part of the universal offer for pupils in Reception, Year 1, and Year 2, registering for Pupil Premium can still bring valuable extra funding to our school—up to several hundred pounds per eligible pupil. This money is not given to families directly, but it is used to make a real difference in your child's learning experience.

At Lobley Hill Primary School we use Pupil Premium funding to:

- Provide additional teaching support and small group work in reading, writing, maths and interventions.
- Provide a high level of staff to children ratio.
- Offer extra resources, clubs, and enrichment opportunities to boost confidence and enjoyment of learning.

- Support emotional wellbeing through nurture groups, pastoral care, and mentoring. This includes ongoing training for staff to deliver these sessions and support the needs of learners.
- Help with educational trips, workshops, specialist visitors in school and other experiences that enhance the curriculum.
- Provide bespoke educational sessions in the wider outdoor environment within our school grounds – Muddy Monster sessions.
- Provide a daily Breakfast Club free of charge for Pupil Premium children.

Every eligible pupil helps us to make a bigger difference for all children in our school community. Registering is simple and confidential, and it ensures your child's school receives the full funding it deserves.

Even if you are unsure as to whether your child qualifies for pupil premium, it is beneficial to complete the form to ensure they haven't been missed from receiving the funding they are entitled to.

If you think your child might be eligible, please contact the school office or your child's class teacher for a form or visit [Free school meals - Gateshead Council](#) for more information.

Thank you for taking the time to support your child and our school. Together, we can make sure every pupil has the best possible start to their education.

Yours faithfully

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