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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

As part of our Pupil Premium review process at Chase Terrace Academy we are looking to ensure that we know which students are entitled to receive Pupil Premium funding. In order for us to ensure we have the most accurate and up to date information we are asking all parents/carers to complete a quick online survey, even if you believe we already hold this information. We are aware that due to the current climate with COVID, details and needs may have changed. Please find below the link to access the survey and details about Pupil Premium entitlements and provision are below. The survey will only be accessible until Friday 14th January 2022, 3pm. You will only need to complete 1 survey for all children that are currently on roll with us at Chase Terrace Academy, we just ask that you put all names and year groups on the survey.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=seMRsYRHckiS5GZWrpBBYYN2yn6dS9JDsCe8sF2ebdxUNEgyUTdRRlgyWFlxSVRRRTVQWDVYWkxTUy4u>

If your child is eligible for 'free school meals' and you register them for this, we will receive extra funding called 'Pupil Premium'. We use this money to improve the educational provision and resources at the school.

What is pupil premium funding?

Pupil premium funding from the Government is given to schools to help pupils reach their full potential, regardless of their background or financial situation, it is provided for pupils who:

- Are registered for free school meals with Staffordshire Local Authority
- Are, or have been, in care
- Have parents in the Armed forces
- Where children are post looked after and the school has been informed of this

At Chase Terrace Academy, we receive an extra £955 per pupil, for every eligible pupil who is registered for free school meals. This extra money could make a real difference to the quality of education we offer.

For example, we have previously used pupil premium funding for:

- Educational provision/resources
- Academic interventions
- Wellbeing and self-esteem building interventions

Is my child eligible for free school meals?

Your child might be eligible if you access:

- Income support
- Income-based jobseeker's Allowance or 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

- Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month)

Does my child have to eat the free school meals?

No. Pupils who are registered for free school meals don't have to eat them. If you're eligible, but you want your child to have packed lunches, you should still register because the school will receive the funding which can support your child in other ways.

How do I register for Free School Meals?

You only need to register with Staffordshire Local Authority once. If your child was in receipt of free school meals in a different Local Authority, unfortunately this doesn't transfer with the child to Staffordshire, so you will need to reapply for free school meals with Staffordshire Local Authority and ensure you tick the option of transferee. If there is any concern with this please contact me so I can offer support.

To register, please visit Staffordshire County Council's Website and complete the online form:

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Educational-awards-benefits/FreeSchoolMeals/Apply-online.aspx>

I do understand that the information we are requesting from you is highly sensitive. Please be reassured that we will treat all information as highly confidential. Alternatively, if you would prefer to discuss your child's situation, rather than completing paperwork, please do contact me on the details below.

Please can we request again that the survey is completed no later than Friday 14th January 2022, 3pm. For more information about Pupil Premium, go to our website, which contains details of how the Pupil Premium has been spent in the past academic year and how it will be spent over the next three years. Below is a direct link to this information.

<https://chaseterraceacademy.co.uk/our-school/pupil-premium/>

If you have any questions or specific concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards



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