



# Parkstone Grammar School

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Dear Parent/Carers



## PUPIL PREMIUM

The Pupil Premium is an allocation of additional funding provided to schools to support specific groups of children who are vulnerable to possible underachievement. These include pupils who are entitled to free school meals, those looked after by the local authority and children of armed service personnel. I am writing to outline the entitlement, and how you can make requests for financial support within school if you are eligible.

Funding for pupil premium students is subject to a specific set of criteria set out by the Government. If you meet the criteria and your child is eligible, the funds are paid directly to the school. With it, we can provide additional support to accelerate your child's academic progress, as well as interventions to develop self-esteem, self-confidence and social/emotional skills. It is also used to fund specific staff training to enable us to further support pupil premium students, as well as helping in other areas including uniform; some school trips and music lessons, and access to parents' evenings.

If you are not sure whether you are entitled to claim this funding, I urge you to read the attached information and complete the application form, sending it back to the address at the bottom of the second page.

If you are eligible, predominantly, the funds will be allocated within school, with staff using their expertise to recommend interventions and support for your child. However, we are keen to work with you as parents/carers to ensure that your child's needs are catered for. Therefore, if you can see that your child has a barrier to learning which could be resolved with some additional funding, or that there is an area in which they require additional support or resources, please contact your relevant Head of Year. Although we cannot guarantee to provide the requested funding, we will endeavour to support and care for your child in the best way possible. We can also assure you of our confidentiality: any support given to your child will be done with discretion.

For families who do not meet the threshold for the Pupil Premium Grant but are experiencing times of financial difficulty which is impacting on students' ability to engage with their studies, you can apply for support from the Hardship Fund by writing to Mr Hallsworth via the [office@parkstone.poole.sch.uk](mailto:office@parkstone.poole.sch.uk) email address.

If you have any further queries regarding Pupil Premium funding, please don't hesitate to contact the school via the following dedicated email address: [pupilpremium@parkstone.poole.sch.uk](mailto:pupilpremium@parkstone.poole.sch.uk)

Yours sincerely

Mrs N Willis

Pupil Premium Coordinator

*If you would like this information in large print, Braille, on audio tape or in your language,  
please contact the school office and we will be happy to help.*

