



## Ashlands Primary School

***"Where every child has the chance to shine"***

### **Pupil Premium.**

The Pupil Premium is a government initiative designed to target resources on those pupils deemed eligible for funding. Specifically, the Pupil Premium money is provided for those students who have been on Free School Meals (FSM) at any point over the past 6 years (Ever6) or those children who have been looked after (CLA).

From April 2014, schools in England can receive the Pupil Premium for **children adopted from care, or who left care under a Special Guardianship Order on or after December 2005**. Schools can also claim the Pupil Premium for children **who left care under a residence Order on or after 14 October 1991**.

The Pupil Premium exists to help schools raise the attainment of students and close the gap with their peers. The Government has extended the coverage of the Pupil Premium in recognition of the traumatic experiences many adopted children have endured in their early lives and a realisation that their needs do not change overnight.

At Ashlands Pupil premium is used to fund valuable support such as extra tuition, additional teaching staff within class or after school activities. Sometimes this funding is targeted at specific children or groups of children, other times it is used to the benefit of the whole class in which the pupils attracting Pupil Premium are taught.

To enable Ashlands to claim the Pupil Premium you will need to inform us about your child and provide supporting evidence, for example, show the original Adoption (Court) Order. You will need to self-declare before the school's annual School Census (normally October of each year). This will then trigger the payment of the Pupil Premium to the school.

As a school we appreciate sharing such information is sensitive and you may not wish to disclose this information to school. This is, for course, entirely your decision but rest assured that any information shared with school is in the strictest confidence.

Below is a link to a document from the British Association for Adoption and Fostering, which answers the most Frequently Asked Questions.

<http://www.baaf.org.uk/res/financial-uk#pupilpremium>

If you have any questions regarding Pupil Premium please do not hesitate to contact me.

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