



# Dronfield Henry Fanshawe School

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Dear (Name of student) and (Name of Parent/Carer)

For some years now, the government has provided funding for schools called “Pupil Premium Funding” to enable them to offer additional support to certain groups of students. There is evidence that shows that groups of students who face additional challenges in their lives, especially financial challenges, have not achieved as well as their peers who are in different circumstances. This doesn’t mean that every student who faces challenges will not achieve highly; many of our students perform exceptionally well in difficult circumstances, remain in education post-16, and move on to apprenticeships, universities, and workplaces where they are successful in their chosen careers. We want to make it easier for more of our students to do this. Please be assured that we do not make any distinction in how we treat students or make it obvious to others that they are receiving additional support; we treat your information very carefully and with due confidentiality.

I am writing to you now to explain what it means to be a ‘Pupil Premium’ student and how we can offer support to your family and chil(ren) and other eligible children in our school. Pupil Premium students include:

- ***Pupils who are eligible for free school meals (or have been eligible in past 6 years) and/or***
- ***Pupils who have been adopted from care or leave care and/or***
- ***Pupils who have been looked after by the local authority***

Service Premium is allocated to schools using the following criteria:

- ***Pupils with a parent who is serving in HM Forces or has retired on a pension from the Ministry of Defence***

The Department for Education describe the purpose of Pupil Premium as:

*‘Pupil Premium is funding to improve education outcomes for disadvantaged pupils in schools in England. Evidence shows that disadvantaged children generally face additional challenges in reaching their potential at school and often do not perform as well as other pupils.’*

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pupil-premium/pupil-premium>

We do not like the term ‘disadvantaged’ (but it is the one adopted by the Department for Education) but we do like that we can provide additional support for our students and families.

We will be conducting a 1:1 meeting with every Pupil Premium student to ensure we can maximise the support we can offer. Your child’s (children’s) meeting(s) will be;

Year Group	Dates of Meetings
11	13 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup> October, 19 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup> January
10	29 <sup>th</sup> -30 <sup>th</sup> September, 20 <sup>th</sup> October
9	6 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> October, 20 <sup>th</sup> October
8	17 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup> November, 20 <sup>th</sup> December
7	15 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup> December, 19 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> December

Before their meeting, you will be sent a link to a questionnaire which we would like to complete with your child(ren) in order to make their meeting as effective and personalised as possible.

The funding that we receive enables us to offer the following support:

- help with the cost of uniform
- help with the cost of resources (stationery/calculators/cooking ingredients/laptops/revision guides)
- help with the cost of school visits/trips (75% of the cost of the trip will be covered and 20% of the places of oversubscribed trips will be prioritised for Pupil Premium students)
- help with the cost of online tutoring
- help with the cost of music lessons
- help with the cost of Duke of Edinburgh
- mentoring in school with a Pupil Premium Mentor
- university visits for Y9/Y10 students
- buddy reading with a Sixth Former
- strategic time given to teachers to plan/personalise for Pupil Premium students

We are also keen for Pupil Premium Students to access our fantastic extra-curricular offer <https://dhfs.uk/clubs-extra-curricular/> and to assist this we can explore ways to help remove barriers to attending the clubs e.g., transport home afterwards

For information about academic support in school please contact Mrs E. Martins [emartins@dhfs.uk](mailto:emartins@dhfs.uk) or Miss F. Hulley [fhulley@dhfs.uk](mailto:fhulley@dhfs.uk) who are our Pupil Premium Learning Mentors.

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For information about financial support please contact Mrs A. Baxby [abaxby@dhfs.uk](mailto:abaxby@dhfs.uk)

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Forms for financial assistance and help with uniform can be downloaded from the website:  
<https://dhfs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Pupil-Premium-Funding-Request-July-21.pdf>  
<https://dhfs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Pupil-Premium-Request-Form-Uniform.pdf>

I hope that this information is clear and will enable you to decide whether access to support is something that would benefit you. We want to make sure that we do everything in our power to ensure that all students can achieve well at school and reach their future goals without hinderance due to external pressures. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the above staff or me around school or by email.

Yours sincerely,



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