



Dronfield Henry Fanshawe School

Green Lane, Dronfield, Derbyshire, S18 2FZ

Tel: 01246 412372 Fax: 01246 412885

admin@dhfs.uk

www.dhfs.uk

Twitter: @DHFSupdate

Success with Care

Headteacher: Mr M. J. Cooper

18th September 2025

Dear 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.

Pupil Premium students include:

- **pupils who are recorded as eligible for free school meals, or have been recorded as eligible in the past 6 years (referred to as Ever 6 FSM)**
- **children previously looked after by a local authority or other state care, including children adopted from state care or equivalent from outside England and Wales**

Service Premium students include those where:

- **one of their parents is serving in the regular armed forces, including pupils with a parent who is on full commitment as part of the full-time reserve service – this includes pupils with a parent who is in the armed forces of another nation and is stationed in England**
- **they have been registered as a ‘service child’ on any school census in the past 6 years**

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

The Pupil Premium grant is funding to improve educational outcomes for disadvantaged pupils in state-funded schools in England.

<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.

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 (50% 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 music lessons



- help with the cost of Duke of Edinburgh
- 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 support in school please contact Mrs S. Wyles (swyles@dhfs.uk) who is our Pupil Premium Mentor.

For information about financial support please contact Mrs A. Baxby abaxby@dhfs.uk (Mon/Thur/Fri).

Forms for financial assistance and help with uniform can be accessed from the Pupil Premium section of the website:

<https://dhfs.uk/pupil-premium/>



Derbyshire County Council have also asked that we include the following information for families of children who receive Free School Meals:

Derbyshire County Council Household Support Fund

As part of the Department for Work and Pensions' Household Support Fund scheme, Derbyshire County Council is distributing funding to household's struggling to pay for food, energy and essential living costs.

Full details about the scheme and the support available for those experiencing financial hardship is available on our website at www.derbyshire.gov.uk/householdsupportfund

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 by email.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "T. Davies".

Mrs T. Davies
Deputy Headteacher
tdavies@dhfs.uk