



Reading Girls' School

Principal: Marika Farrugia

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Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians

I am writing to discuss the Pupil Premium Plus Grant and support available for Children Previously Looked After.

If your child was previously in the care of a local authority in England or Wales and is adopted (including adoptions from state care or the equivalent outside England and Wales) or is living with you under a Special Guardianship or Child Arrangement Order, school will be able to claim £2,530 each year to support children's social, emotional and academic needs.

How can our school access this funding?

If your child meets the criteria and we are unaware, notifying us could help your child receive the additional funding and support which is their entitlement.

You must make this declaration each time your child moves to a new school, so if this is your child's first year with us, we would be grateful if you could let us know. If you have previously made a declaration, then you are not required to make it again.

This information is used for funding purposes only. If you wish school staff to know about your child's status in order to better understand and support them, we would welcome a discussion. Please contact Ms McCarthy (Assistant Principal) with lead responsibility for children who have been adopted or who are living under a Special Guardianship or Child Arrangement Order.

How is the funding used?

This grant can only be spent to benefit children who have previously been looked after and are now adopted or placed on a Special Guardianship or Child Arrangement Order. The purpose of the funding must be discussed and agreed with school and used to improve outcomes for children in the following areas:

- Acceleration of academic achievement and progress
- Reducing internal and external exclusion
- Improving and maintaining school attendance
- Social and emotional well-being
- Staff training and professional development
- Providing positive reinforcement and building self-esteem
- Supporting pupil transition

It is important to understand that the Pupil Premium Plus for Children Previously Looked After is not ring-fenced funding, allowing schools flexibility to decide how the additional funding can best be deployed to have the maximum impact. Schools can, for example, decide to train their staff in recognising and responding to attachment-related needs.

Recovery Premium

Additionally, since 2021, the Government have provided a package of funding to support children for whom education has been affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. By informing us if your child is a Child Previously Looked After, we are also able to receive this alongside the Pupil Premium Plus Grant.

If you would like any further guidance or advice regarding support available for children previously looked after you can contact Ms McCarthy at lmccarthy@readinggirlsschool.net.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us to support children previously looked after.

Yours sincerely



Ms M Farrugia
Principal