3rd March 2017

Dear Parent / Carer

**Pupil Premium**

The Pupil Premium is allocated to schools based on the number of pupils in the school who are:

• eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) or have been eligible since 2006 (‘Ever 6 FSM’)

• looked after children (LAC)

• children adopted from care

• Service pupils

The amount of funding a school receives ranges from £300 for a service pupil to £1320 for an ‘Ever 6’ pupil and £1900 for a pupil who is adopted from care. This is additional to the main schools budget, and schools have the freedom to use it in the way they believe will best help pupils to make progress and overcome any barriers to learning. For more detail on how much Pupil Premium funding St Oswald’s receives and how this is spent, as well as our Pupil Premium Policy, please see the [‘Pupil Premium’](http://www.stoswalds.york.sch.uk/school-information/pupil-premium) page on our website.

This year we have put in place a new strategy to help us ensure that we are using Pupil Premium funding effectively to meet the individual needs of disadvantaged pupils. For all pupils who are eligible for so-called ‘Deprivation Pupil Premium’ (i.e. ‘Ever 6 FSM, looked after children or children adopted from care), teachers have created a ‘Pupil Premium Passport’ which details their specific needs and targets and how these are going to be met. We want to make sure parents are fully involved in this, so if your child is in this category the teacher will be discussing their Pupil Premium Passport with you at Parents Evening next week.

Pupil Premium funding is very important in enabling us to provide a range of extra support for pupils who may need it. However, we do not receive the ‘Ever 6’ funding unless parents who are entitled to Free School Meals have applied for them. Therefore if you think you may be eligible, please submit an application (even if your child currently receives a free school meal through the Universal Infant Free School Meals scheme). The school Office can provide further information about how to do this.

The funding we receive for service pupils is considerably less, but is used mainly to help service pupils deal with the impact of mobility and deployment. More detail about how we do this can be found on the ‘[Service Pupils and Families’](http://www.stoswalds.york.sch.uk/service-pupils-and-families) page of our website. If you are a service parent, please keep us informed about any planned moves or deployment so that we can put the appropriate support in place. You can also contact Becki Dixon, our Service Families Liaison Officer (email: Rebekah.Dixon@york.gov.uk)

If you have any queries about any of this, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

Rupert Griffiths