

Headteacher's Blog

Please help us to support your child

You may be aware that the government introduced 'The Pupil Premium Grant' in April 2011 and schools are allocated additional funding into their school budget. The premium provides funding specifically for children from families who have registered and meet the criteria. The purpose of the grant into schools is to raise achievement and improve outcomes for these children. Here at The Grange School, we use the money to provide a wide range of activities and experiences to raise standards and improve outcomes for all children, as well as providing your child with specific resources and materials. These include school uniform, subsidised music tuition, free school photographs and much more.

It is vital that we, as a school, receive the funding we are eligible to receive. But, in common with most schools, it is likely that a number of parents/carers whose children attend our school fail to claim the Pupil Premium. This is especially true in Reception and Key Stage 1. Our catering team provides an excellent range of healthy lunch options that are enjoyed daily by a significant number of our pupils. Your child may well be able to access these free of charge. Even if you don't want your child to make use of the free school meals, please still apply for the funding if you think you may be eligible, as your child will benefit from the funding in other ways.

So, here is my plea to you all.....

If you believe that you may be entitled to claim for your children and do not already do so, please make a claim. If your circumstances change at any point - even if only for a short while - please make a claim.

If you think that you meet the criteria listed below, you may be eligible, so please speak to our office staff or Mrs Hennessy, who will be able to advise you on how to apply for Pupil Premium Funding. Alternatively, please visit <http://www3.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/children-families-education/schools-and-education/Pages/pupil-premium.aspx> and complete the form to apply. It's a 10 minute job that could make a significant difference to your child and our school.

Income support

Income-based jobseekers' allowance

Income-related employment and support allowance

Support under Part IV of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

The guaranteed element of state pension credit

Child tax credit, provided that you are not also entitled to working tax credit and have an annual gross income of £16,190 or less

Universal credit

As always, thank you for all you do to support your child and our school. We appreciate all the support you give us.