

# Shaw Wood Academy

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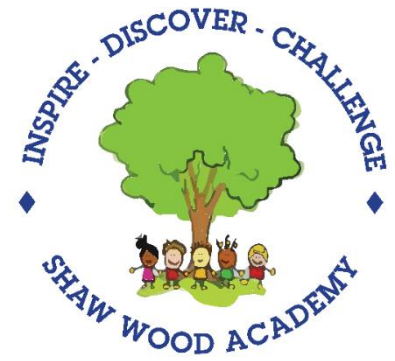
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Dear Parent,

## What is the Pupil Premium?

The Pupil Premium is a government initiative that gives additional funding to schools for children from families who would benefit most from economic support. This has been allocated to every school in the country in light of national figures which show that this group of pupils do not achieve as well as other pupils. This funding enables additional provision and intervention to allow children to reach their full potential and achieve their aspirations. **Parents who register with DMBC before the end of October will be eligible for the Household Support Energy Payment from DMBC in November.**

## Parental application for Pupil Premium

We encourage and support the parents of all children who are eligible for Pupil Premium to apply for this additional funding. We know that in the past some parents who are entitled to this, have chosen not to apply. However, I would like to explain that parents applying for Pupil Premium support will not only benefit their own children, but will help the school to secure funding which can be used to benefit the whole school community. The funding arrangements are confidential and there is no way of identifying Pupil Premium pupils.

## How can I apply?

You can apply on-line at <https://www.doncaster.gov.uk/doitonline/free-school-meals>. This will automatically make you eligible for Pupil Premium funding. The Pupil Premium Strategy Statement can be viewed on our website. If you have any queries in relation to this initiative please contact the school office: [admin@shawwood.doncaster.sch.uk](mailto:admin@shawwood.doncaster.sch.uk)

## Which pupils are entitled to the Pupil Premium?

Children of Parents eligible for any of the following benefits in the last six years are entitled to Pupil Premium funding:

- Income Support
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit, with no element of working tax credit, and a household income below £16,190 (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs)
- Guarantee Element of the State Pension Credit
- Universal Credit

In addition, the following pupils are also eligible:

- Pupils whose parents are armed services personnel.
- Pupils who receive IS or IBJSA in their own right are also eligible to receive free school lunches.
- You may still be eligible if you are in receipt of Working Tax Credit and have recently reduced your hours to less than 16 hours per week or have become unemployed.
- Pupils who are adopted or looked after children.

### **How is the Pupil Premium funding spent?**

Schools have the freedom to spend the Premium in a way they think will best support the raising of attainment for its pupils. The governors of the school have decided that this funding can be spent in the following ways to support pupils financially to raise their levels of progress and help them fulfil their long-term aspirations.

The rest of the funding is spent in a wide range of ways, depending on individual needs. This includes the following, which is focused towards Pupil Premium children, but also benefits all pupils in the school.

- Support staff to support pupils' progress in lessons.
- IT resources such as laptops, computers and iPads giving Pupil Premium pupils fullest possible access to the school's IT resources both at home and within school.
- Funding for educational school trips.

Yours faithfully,

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