



**NORTH DURHAM**  
**ACADEMY**

# **Pupil Premium Grant: Information for Parents**

**Your child is entitled to...**

## What is the Pupil Premium Grant?

The Pupil Premium funding for schools is additional funding provided by the government to support students who receive Free School Meals (or have received Free School Meals in the last six years,) Looked After Children and students who have a parent serving in the armed forces.

## Why do schools receive this funding?

Research shows that, across the country, students from low-income families perform less well at school than their peers. The Pupil Premium Funding for schools was introduced to help to diminish the difference between those students eligible for the funding and their peers. The funding must be used to directly benefit the students who are eligible to receive it.

## How do we spend the Pupil Premium Funding at North Durham Academy?

The Academy has researched extensively into the most effective ways of spending the Pupil Premium Funding and have adopted a range of strategies designed to support academic achievement, social/cultural development and attendance for those students eligible for the funding. Below are some examples of the extra support that we currently provide:

- one to one tutors to support students in English, Maths and Science;
- use of Curriculum Support Workers and Associate Teachers in curriculum areas;
- pastoral support through Year Managers our Deep Support Team;
- an Attendance Officer to work with families to improve attendance;
- subsidised educational trips and visits;
- investment in resources to boost learning such as revision guides; and additional opportunities for parents to engage with their child's learning.

## What can you do to support your child?

Research shows that parental involvement has a significant impact on a child's outcomes at school. The Academy and parents/carers both have a crucial role to play and the impact on a child's achievements is greater if the Academy and parents work in partnership.

Key ways to support your child are:

- ensure good attendance – this should be better than 96%;
- check your child's planner on a daily basis to ensure that they are completing homework on time;
- practice key literacy and numeracy skills with them;
- ensure they are expected to read for pleasure;
- insist that they value their education;
- promote high aspirations.

## What can we do to help you?

As your son or daughter progresses through the Academy, we understand that some parents/carers may no longer feel able to support their child with their learning – if this is the case please get in touch with your child's Achievement Leader or Year Manager and we can work with you on ways to help your child.

Throughout the academic year, we host events for parents/carers so that you can visit the Academy and celebrate your child's achievements as well as ask any questions in a more relaxed environment.

If you have any suggestions about how we can support you further, please do not hesitate to contact us.

## Useful Contacts:

If you have any questions, please contact any of the following staff via the main Academy number 01207 292180 or direct email:

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