



“Be Inspired & Achieve Together”

3rd September 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Support for students in receipt of the Pupil Premium grant

The Pupil Premium grant was introduced in 2011 and is a sum of money given to schools each year by the government to improve the attainment of eligible students.

Eligible students include those who:

- Are in receipt of Free School Meals
- Have been in receipt of Free School Meals in the last six years (Ever 6)
- Are ‘In Service’ by having parents who have served in the armed forces within the last four years
- Are Looked After Children (LAC)
- Are Post Looked After Children

The funding is allocated to a range of strategies identified by the school, and following guidance provided by the Department for Education and The Education Endowment Fund, to improve outcomes for Pupil Premium students. To ensure that all guidance is met, the Academy action plan and resulting expenditure plan is updated each year. Some examples of the strategies planned for the 2021/22 academic year include:

- A welcome gift of a filled pencil case and scientific calculator available for Year 7 students
- Payment of Design Technology contributions in Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 to provide essential ingredients and materials.
- Access to mentoring support
- Careers guidance and targeted events.
- Subsidised access to extra-curricular activities such as music tuition and the Combined Cadet Force
- Subsidised school events and trips.
- GCSE revision sessions
- Intervention support in English and Maths
- Activities and events such as The Brilliant Club and Ambition Nottingham
- Access to Century Tech to support English, Maths and Science
- Priority access to some curriculum activities and events.
- An allocation of £25 to purchase essential equipment and events. Please see further information provided below.
- Breakfast and Homework clubs

A full breakdown of the expenditure plan can be obtained by downloading the Pupil Premium Statement found on the Academy website. This will be confirmed and uploaded for the 2021/22 academic year during the Autumn term.

If your child is eligible for the Pupil Premium grant once they have joined Arnold Hill Spencer Academy, you may request up to £25 of that grant to use towards the cost of educational resources and activities arranged through school; we call this the personal allocation. Please note that only school items may be purchased with this money. Examples of what you can use this for include; educational visits and trips, revision guides

and equipment. As items become available to purchase, they will appear in your SCOPAY account. You may also choose to have a uniform voucher to redeem at Schoolwear Solutions.

All requests for funding from the £25 personal allocation must be received by the Academy no later than **Friday 10th June 2022** to ensure they are processed before the end of the school year. Applications received after this date will not be considered.

If you think that your child may be eligible for Free School Meals we encourage you to apply, even if they do not want a meal, so that they can take advantage of this additional funding.

Free school meals are available to pupils in receipt of, or whose parents are in receipt of, one or more of the qualifying benefits below:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earning from up to three of your most recent assessment periods).
- [Income Support](#)
- [Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance \(JSA\)](#)
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- [Child Tax Credit](#) (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual gross income of no more than £16,190
- [Working Tax Credit](#) run-on (paid for the four weeks after the person stops qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- There is a temporary extension of free school meals eligibility for [children of those who have no recourse to public funds](#). Families in these groups cannot apply online and should telephone **0300 500 80 80** to apply.

To check your eligibility please visit -
[Notts County Council - Free School Meals and Milk](#)

If you have any questions about the Pupil Premium grant or the personal allocation, please contact me for more information.

Yours faithfully

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