

Informing parents of the pupil premium for Post CLA for the academic year 2020-21

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Dear parents and carers,

I am writing to discuss the Pupil Premium Grant for previously looked after children (Post CLA).

The pupil premium for 2020 to 2021 includes pupils who were looked after by an English or Welsh local authority immediately before being adopted; or who left local authority care on a Special Guardianship Order or Child Arrangements Order (previously known as a Residence Order).

The grant is currently £2,345 per eligible pupil and is used to give these children the additional support they need. Children who have been adopted or placed in care may often experience grief or loss. Exposure to this kind of trauma can have a lasting impact on pupils and play a significant role in their emotional development. Access to the £2,345 grant will enable us to provide specific support – assisting the children educationally and helping address their wider needs.

The grant can only be spent to benefit these pupils and must be used to improve the outcomes in the following areas:

- Academic achievement and progress
- Wider achievement, e.g. in an area that the child is academically more able in
- Attendance
- Inclusion, e.g. reducing fixed-term exclusions
- Social skills
- Transition, e.g. to a new key stage or learning provider

We currently use the pupil premium to improve outcomes for pupils by supporting initiatives aimed to:

- Improve levels of numeracy and literacy
- Raise engagement with reading
- Improve attitude to learning where underachievement has been identified
- Encourage excellent attendance
- Increase the sense of belonging to the school community

If your child meets the Post CLA criteria and the school is unaware, notifying us could help your child receive the additional support that they are entitled to. Mrs Ramsden (Designated Teacher for CLA and Post CLA students) would need to be see a copy of the relevant legal order, in order for school to receive the funding.

We respect the confidentiality of the data and understand the sensitive nature of any information passed. I can assure you that we will comply with our data protection responsibilities as set out in the GDPR and the Data Protection Act 2018.

In order to keep the strictest confidentiality possible, we will accept notification in the way the parent or guardian feels most comfortable: via phone on **01942 909009**, email using **enquiries@bedford.wigan.sch.uk**, in writing or face-to-face.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us give these children the best support possible.

Yours sincerely,

Helen Phillips
Headteacher