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Dear Parent/Carer,

The Pupil Premium Grant was introduced by the Coalition Government in April 2011 to provide additional support for looked after children and children eligible for free school meals. More recently the Pupil Premium Grant was extended to include children who have been eligible for free school meals at any point over the last six years. This is known as Ever6. This extra funding is made available to schools to help them narrow the attainment gap that still exists between students from disadvantaged and more affluent backgrounds. The following children are eligible for pupil premium funding in 2023-2024:

- **Free school meals** - pupils who claim free school meals or who have claimed free school meals in the last 6 years (further information can be found on our school website <https://www.st-cuthbertmayne.co.uk/free-school-meals/>)
- **Looked-after and previously looked-after children** - pupils who have left local authority care through adoption, a special guardianship order or child arrangements order.
- **Service premium** - The service premium is not part of the pupil premium as the rules to attract the [service premium](#) are different. This funding is to help with pastoral support. Pupils with a parent who:
 - is serving in HM Forces
 - has retired on a pension from the Ministry of Defence

Schools can also spend their pupil premium on pupils who do not meet the eligibility criteria but need extra support. Schools can use the pupil premium to support other pupils, for example, if they:

- are in contact with a social worker
- used to be in contact with a social worker
- are acting as a carer

Kind regards,

Kris Statham
Disadvantaged Lead