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Dear Parents and Carers

Following on from the ParentMail communication at the start of this week regarding a video posted on social media relating to an alleged bullying and racism incident at our school, I wanted to say thank you again to all of the parents who made us aware of the post and for your concern for our school. Thank you also for the kind words and messages of support we have received in relation to this.

I also wanted to reiterate that we take any incidences of this nature very seriously and always manage them in line with our policies. The wellbeing and safety of your child/ren is our priority and if you ever have any concerns about this then please do not hesitate to get in touch.

I have decided that it would be helpful to have a parent focus group later this term to give parents and carers the opportunity to more fully understand our school policies and practice around the themes of bullying and racism, and to provide a forum in which to ask questions. More information about this will follow shortly.

### Statutory assessments

Many of you will probably already be aware that the Department for Education (DfE) have cancelled all statutory assessments in primary schools this academic year due to Covid-19 and the partial closure of schools in the spring term. This means there will not be SATs in Year 6 or Year 2 this year, and teacher assessment will be reported to parents and based on children's readiness to progress to the next stage of education.

### Punctuality

Please ensure your child arrives on time for school. Our staggered start times are as follows:

EYFS and Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and 2): 8.30am

Key Stage 2 (Year 3, 4, 5 and 6) 8.40-8.45am

Our gates close at 8.45am and if your child arrives after this time they are late and will need to enter via the office.

### Staffing news

Congratulations to Mr Burrows who has been appointed as class teacher and Maths lead at Durrington Infant and Junior School as from September 2021. We will be very sorry to say goodbye to Mr Burrows at the end of this term and wish him every success at his new school. I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for all he has contributed to our school during his



time in post, not least for instilling a love of singing and performing arts in our children. We are now in the process of recruiting an Assistant Headteacher to lead Key Stage 2 from the start of next academic year and will let you know the outcome of this process later this term.

#### After School Care Club (ASCC)

We have been delighted to see demand for places at ASCC gradually increase this term. We have reviewed the addendum to our ASCC policy and increased the capacity to 20 children in the EYFS/Key Stage 1 bubble and 30 in the Key Stage 2 bubble. We will continue to keep this under review. Please do contact the office or ASCC direct on 07521 734333 to book a place.

#### School trips

We're really pleased that school day trips can now go ahead again, and Year 3 were the first year group to go on a visit this week to Butser Farm. The children were so excited (as were the staff!) and it was lovely being able to wave off the coaches that were full of so many smiling faces. The children spent the day learning about life in the Stone Age through first-hand experiences. Thank you to all the adult volunteers that supported on the trip as this would not have been possible without you. We look forward to the next one.

#### New library

Our new library has opened this week and by the end of this half term each class should have had their first library session. Due to current restrictions and guidance, the library is having to operate slightly differently, with books (as well as the room itself) being quarantined before use. We are optimistic that next half term we will be able to have an official opening and naming ceremony and hope that some representatives from FOSS will be able to join us as the money they have raised, through the fundraising events you have supported, have funded the library refurbishment. Thank you also to Mrs Murkin (our volunteer librarian) for all of her hard work in getting the library ready, along with Mr Strong and Mr Moore. I will post some photos on Class Dojo soon – we are so excited and lucky to have this amazing new resource in school!

#### Used uniform

Unfortunately, due to current circumstances, we have not been able to accept donations of used school uniform. After half term we hope to be able to have a used uniform sale outdoors and following this we should free up some storage space and be able to take donations again. Many thanks for your patience.

#### No toys in school

A reminder that children should not be bringing toys of any description into school. Your child should only have with them essential belongings necessary for the school day.

#### Duckling update

The ducklings in our school courtyard are growing bigger and stronger every day. Mrs Maxted carries out daily duck duty which includes topping up their water and ensuring they have plenty to eat. No wonder they keep returning every year as it really is five-star accommodation! However, we would love to have a permanent wooden duck hotel (house) and wanted to put a plea out to parents in case anyone happened to be willing to make or donate one. Please do speak to me or send me a message on Class Dojo if you might be able to help or know someone who can.

Wishing you all a good weekend.

Yours sincerely

*Helen Morris*

Mrs Helen Morris  
Headteacher

## **What is Pupil Premium Funding?**

Once a year we provide the department for education with information that we hold about our pupils in a census return. Allocations are made based on the school which the eligible pupil attends, at the time of the October school census. This information is used to determine the amount of additional funding we receive for specific pupils, and we then ensure the money is spent on those same pupils over the course of the school year. The Pupil Premium is additional funding given to schools so that we can support our disadvantaged pupils and close the attainment gap between them and their peers.

## **Where Can I Find More Information On Pupil Premium Funding?**

For more information on Pupil Premium please visit the Department for Education's website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pupil-premium/pupil-premium>

## **How Do I Know If My Child Can Receive Pupil Premium Funding?**

### **Free School Meals**

The most common reason a pupil receives Pupil Premium funding at our school is that a parent is registered as receiving a benefit that entitles them to free school meals. This is not the same as receiving a free school meal as your child is in Key Stage 1.

Free school meal/pupil premium funding now works as all pupils in EYFS and Key Stage 1 will receive a free school meal under the Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) Scheme. However, if you receive certain benefits your child can still receive pupil premium funding, but you **MUST** fill in all the details on the free school meal form available upon request from the office.

In Key Stage 2 (Yr3, Yr4, Yr5 & Yr6) all pupils will need to apply for free school meals if they qualify for pupil premium.

### **Service Children**

Children of armed service personnel are also eligible. Service children are children and young people from families where one or more parents is currently in the British armed forces of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Pupils attract the premium if they meet the following criteria:

- one of their parents is serving in the regular armed forces
- one of their parents served in the regular armed forces in the last 3 year
- one of their parents died while serving in the armed forces and the pupil is in receipt of a pension under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme (AFCS) and the War Pensions Scheme (WPS)

### **Looked After Children**

Schools will also receive £1,900 for each pupil who has left local-authority care because of 1 of the following:

- adoption
- a special guardianship order
- a child arrangements order
- a residence order

If a pupil has been registered as eligible for free school meals and has also left local authority care for any of the reasons above, they will attract the £1900 rate.

Children who have been in local authority care for 1 day or more also attract £1900 of pupil premium funding. Funding for these pupils doesn't go to their school; it goes to the virtual school head (VSH) (<https://bit.ly/3gU7aCC>) in the local authority that looks after the child. VSHs are responsible for managing pupil premium funding for looked after children (<https://bit.ly/3730fSY>).

## How Much Money Does The School Receive?

In the 2021 financial year, the pupil premium is:

- £1,345 for each eligible free school meal for primary-aged pupils.
- £310 for each eligible service child.
- £2,345 for each looked after child

Seeing as the government has just updated its website

**IF YOU ARE IN ANY DOUBT IF YOUR CHILD MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR PUPIL PREMIUM FUNDING PLEASE ASK US.**





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