



Project 100 – exciting news for families eligible for Free School Meals!

Dear Parents/Carers,

Leedstown School has a duty to ensure that every individual child is given the best possible chance to achieve their potential.

The government provides Pupil Premium funding, which is in addition to main school funding, to support pupils eligible for Pupil Premium funding. This funding is used to provide a wide range of resources within school.

Your Personal Pupil Premium Budget

Thank you very much to those parents who have applied for Free School Meals. The funding the school receives will ensure your child and any other children who need extra support are given the best opportunities for their learning.

You now have **£100** of virtual money in your account! This can be used on anything that will benefit your child in school, such as school uniform, swimming lessons, trips, Camp & PE kits.

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| <p>How much money will I receive throughout the year?</p> | <p>Each academic year you will be able to get up to £100 per eligible child.</p> <p>This will work as follows; at the start of the Autumn term, £50 will be credited to your account. If you attend at least one parent event and your child's attendance for the Autumn term is 95% or better you will receive an additional credit of £25 at the start of the Spring term. Again, if you attend at least one parent event and your child's attendance for the Spring term is 95% or better you will receive an additional credit of £25 at the start of the Summer term.</p> |
| <p>What can I use the money for?</p> | <p>You can choose to spend the money on any item that will enhance your child's learning opportunities in school. These include paying for school equipment e.g. reading bookbags, PE kits, school trips, swimming lessons or residential trips. You could also spend it on providing your child with full, correct uniform.</p> |
| <p>Can I use the money on another child?</p> | <p>No, this money can only be used on each individual child who is in receipt of Pupil Premium.</p> |

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| What happens if I do not spend the £100 in a year? | You are able to 'carry over' £25 from the previous year into the next year as long as your child is still at Leedstown School. Any money left over or in excess of the £25 will go back into the Pupil Premium budget and will benefit other pupils. |
| What happens if my situation changes and my child is no longer eligible for Pupil Premium Funding? | Every child who is eligible for Pupil Premium funding for a minimum of one month will receive funding for the following six years for their school. This is known as Free School Meals Ever 6. This means that if your financial situation changes, you will still be in benefit of Project 100. |
| Can I save it up to pay for a residential trip in the summer term? | Yes, you can save it up for a major event. |
| Who else is eligible for Pupil Premium? | Children who receive free school meals are eligible (this is separate from the Universal Free School Meals for infants) Children in care are eligible and children of services personnel are eligible. |
| Can I have the money in cash? | No we are not able to do this, all the money is held and managed by the school office. |

If you think that you are entitled to Free School Meals, please do come into school to speak to myself or Miss Ginnever. We will be able to help you to ascertain whether you are eligible.

Should you have any further questions please contact the school office.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs N J Neale

