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Dear Parents

HAS YOUR CHILD LEFT LOCAL AUTHORITY CARE?

Please see the attached information sheet which is produced by RBWM – hopefully it is fairly self-explanatory.

If you think that this applies to a child in your care, and you are happy to disclose this information, please bring the relevant documentation to the School Office and we will copy it.

Please rest assured that any information disclosed will be treated in the strictest confidence and you are not under any obligation to provide this information. If you do, however, it may help the school with additional funding.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely

Miss L. Brown

Miss Louise Brown
Headteacher



Has your child left Local Authority Care – Schools could claim additional Funding to support your child’s education

The government announced that there is additional funding for schools to support children who have left Local Authority Care through one of four different categories listed below. This funding could be as much as £1900 per year per child.

Was your child ceased to be looked after

Through adoption or

Through a Special Guardianship Order (SGO) or

Through a Residence Order (RO) or

Through a Child Arrangements Order (CAO)

Unfortunately, we are not advised on whether or not children have ever been in care and or adopted. Therefore where children have left Local Authority Care, we ask parents to let us know so that the school can claim the funding available in the next financial year.

As this is a sensitive issue, this notification is to allow you to make the choice whether or not you wish to disclose this information to the school. All information received will be treated in strictest confidence.

If your child fits into any of the above categories and you are willing for this information to be included in a Department for Education (DfE) Statutory return, please contact (***Insert who to contact***) giving the name and date of birth of the child concerned as soon as possible. You will then be contacted and asked to provide supporting evidence, i.e. the Adoption (Court) Order. In order for the school to claim the funding for the next financial year the information will need to be included Census return that is sent to the DfE **each JANUARY**.

Pupil Premium Plus funding is not ring-fenced. It is designed to provide specific educational support to raise attainment and address the wider needs of children in this vulnerable group. National statistics show that children in this category may face unique challenges and could struggle to keep up with their peers. It is vital that they are given the targeted support they need and the education they deserve to help them get on in life.

There is no obligation for you to share this information with us, but in doing so your child may be given additional support with their education.