

September 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian,

You will hopefully be aware of the Government initiative called 'pupil premium', which your child qualifies for. I am writing to inform/remind you of some of the ways in which the Pupil Premium funding can be used to support your child while at St. Dunstan's School.

Equipment:

It is extremely important that every child is fully prepared for each day and has all the equipment and uniform that they need in order to be successful within the classroom. Buying all of the equipment and uniform can be very expensive, as can replacing missing or lost items. We have therefore set up an account for each 'pupil premium' child to the value of £100 (for each academic year) that can be used to purchase equipment from the school or items of uniform from Identity Kits/Wells Uniform Shop in Wells. This will allow you to support your child to be fully prepared for the start of each September.

In order to make this system manageable all we ask is that each time you or your child wishes to purchase an item you fill out the 'Pupil premium order form'. I have included a copy with this letter, you can also download one from the school website or your child can collect one from their tutor. Once you have filled in the form it needs to be handed into Mrs Gerrard in the office and she will then organise the items for collection from either the school office or your child's learning mentor.

Shoes can be purchased at the Uniform shop but if you prefer to purchase these separately we will reimburse you for the costs when we receive a receipt for the purchase. If this is likely to cause financial hardship then we will be happy to order the shoes in school but sizes can sometimes be an issue when done this way around. I would advise you to check your Pupil Premium Account balance before purchasing shoes separately as we will only be able to reimburse up to the value of £100 within any school year.

Please remember that the money in this account can be used at any time during the academic year and does not have to be used only for buying equipment and uniform at the start of the year.

Enrichment Opportunities:

At St. Dunstan's we feel that enrichment activities are particularly valuable for student enjoyment of school and in developing their understanding in subjects that they are studying. To support your son/daughter to participate fully in all of the activities offered we will contribute 50% of the cost of all trips and activities although there are some exclusions to this including optional residential trips. Please check all residential trip forms for the level of contribution that we will provide for these separately.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact myself or Mrs Gerrard.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs. Beth Rowlinson-Baker
Assistant Headteacher