



Westacre Middle School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to introduce myself to you as the Designated Teacher in school with lead responsibility for promoting the educational outcomes for young people, that have been previously looked after. If this is relevant to your family, please read on.

Pupil Premium Plus

If your child was previously looked after by a Local Authority and is now adopted, subject to a special guardianship order or a child arrangement order, the school can claim a grant each year to support the social, emotional and educational needs of this group of children. The Department for Education requires you to provide evidence of your child's status, this will allow us to complete a tick box on our school census to obtain funding. Please be reassured that such evidence and information will be treated in the strictest confidence. In order to meet this year's deadline, we will need this information by **Wednesday 24th September at the latest please** -please contact school on 01905 772795.

Please be aware that you must make this declaration each time your child moves to a new school, so if this is your child's first year with us we would be grateful if you could let us know. *If you have previously made a declaration at Westacre, then you are not required to make it again.* This information is used for funding purposes only. If you wish school staff to know about your child's status in order to better understand and support them, we would welcome the opportunity to discuss this with you.

How is the funding used?

It is important to understand that the Pupil Premium Plus is not ring-fenced funding for the child that attracts it. This gives the school flexibility to decide how the additional funding can best be deployed to have the maximum impact. Schools can, for example, decide to train their staff in recognising and responding to attachment-related issues, or provide tailored support for an adopted child that is in excess of the value of the individual premium. As a school we welcome discussions from parents and carers on how the Pupil Premium Plus is used to support your child and are transparent about our spending of this funding- further information is also available on our website.

I look forward to working with you.

Yours Sincerely,

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