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An Academy Trust

Dear Parents/Carers

EXTRA FUNDING FOR YOUR SCHOOL

The Pupil Premium is additional funding paid to schools for identified groups of pupils for two purposes:

- 1. Raising the attainment of disadvantaged pupils and closing the gap with their peers.
- 2. Supporting children and young people with parents in the regular armed forces.

Who is the funding for?

Children receiving Free School Meals

Schools receive funding for every child registered for free school meals. Your child could receive free school meals (worth over £500 per year), if you are in receipt of one of a number of benefits. To find out if you qualify, visit www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals, or phone 0300 123 4048.

As long as you qualify and register, a meal allowance (currently £2.70) is automatically added to your child's canteen account on a daily basis and this can be accessed in the canteen using their fingerprint, as with all other students. **Even if your child has packed lunches, please apply as the school will still receive the funding if you qualify.**

If your child is currently entitled to and receiving free school meals at a Hertfordshire school, there is no need to inform Hertfordshire County Council that your child's school is to change for the new academic year as this information is checked centrally.

Children Adopted from Care

Schools receive £2570 for any child who has left the care system through adoption, a special guardianship order, a child arrangements order or a residence order. If this applies to your child, please declare this to the schools DSL (Designated Safeguarding Lead), even if you have previously declared this to your child's primary school, and provide evidence, such as a copy of the adoption order. This information will be held confidentially by the school.

Children who have a parent/parents who are Service Personnel

Schools receive £340 for any child whose parent(s) are in regular HM Forces Military Units of all forces, or in the Armed Forces of another nation and stationed in England, or in receipt of child pension from the Ministry of Defence. If this applies to your child, please advise the school office at admin@hitchinboys.co.uk.

Head Teacher: Mr T E Bennett





Should you require any further help or information, please contact Mrs B Rose at admin@hitchinboys.co.uk.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Ivory-Webb **School Business Manager**