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Dear Parent/Carer,

The Pupil Premium and Service Premium give schools extra funding to raise the attainment of disadvantaged pupils from **reception to year 11**. In order to receive this additional funding, we are required to provide information to the Department for Education confirming which children meet the government criteria.

Free School Meals

For your child to be eligible for free school meals you must be in receipt of the appropriate benefits. As part of our admissions process, please click here to check:

[LGFL Free School Meal Checker](#) and then please email admissions@tpsmat.org with a screenshot attachment of your outcome to let us know if you are eligible or not.

Even if your child is starting in nursery and will *not* be eligible for free school meals, or they are in reception/year 1/year 2 (and are eligible for *Universal Free School Meals*), please click this link: [LGFL Free School Meal Checker](#) to check because if you are eligible this will provide the school with additional funding.

Universal Free School Meals

All children in England who are in: reception, year 1 and year 2 are entitled to a free school meal.

Children that are adopted or leave care under a Special Guardianship Order or a Child Arrangement Order

From April 2014, schools in England can receive the Pupil Premium for children adopted from care, or who left care under a Special Guardianship Order on or after 30 December 2005. Schools can also claim for children who left care under a Child Arrangement Order on or after 14 October 1991.

It is up to those with parental responsibility to decide if they wish the school to know whether their child is adopted or is under a special guardianship order or residence order. If you would like to enable us to claim this premium, you will need to inform us about your child and provide supporting evidence, for example, provide the original Adoption (Court) Order. **You will need to self-declare to us so that we are able to claim.**

Service Premium

The Service Premium gives schools extra funding to support children and young people with parents in the armed forces. Pupils attract the premium if they meet the following criteria:

- One of their parents is serving in the regular armed forces
- One of their parents served in the regular armed forces in the last 3 years
- One of their parents died while serving in the armed forces and the pupil is in receipt of a pension under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme (AFCS) and the War Pensions Scheme (WPS).

If your child meets one of the above Service Premium criteria, please let us know as this will enable us to claim this additional funding.

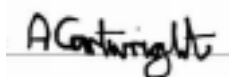
You will need to self-declare to us so that we are able to claim.

The family legal status of every child is a confidential matter, and we want you to be sure that this is being handled with great sensitivity.

If your child is in one of the groups above, we will need a declaration letter from you. You will need to provide supporting evidence, for example, the Adoption Court Order.

Please help us to maximise the amount of Pupil Premium the school receives by getting in touch with ourselves if you feel your child meets any of the above criteria.

Yours sincerely,



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Head of School



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Executive Headteacher