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Dear Parent/Guardian

Is your child adopted from care or eligible for Free School meals?

The government already allocates funding to schools on an annual basis to help children from lower income families do their very best.

From April 2014, the government extended this funding to cover children who are adopted from care, or who left care under a Special Guardianship Order (SGO) on or after 30 December 2005, or who left care under a Residence Order (RO) on or after 14 October 1991.

Funding also applies to those pupils whose parent(s) are currently serving, or have served, in the Armed forces, since 2011.

The only way to access this new funding is for adoptive parents to make us aware - you will need to provide supporting documentation e.g. the Adoption (Court) Order. Any information supplied to us will be treated in the strictest confidence.

This funding, known as Pupil Premium and Pupil Premium Plus, helps to support personalised learning, the provision of some resources and tutoring and mentoring as appropriate (full details of how we use the Pupil Premium money can be found on our website - [Pupil Premium and Catch Up Premium](#)). Simply by registering with us will help us to provide services such as these which your child can access should they need to.

If your child is adopted from care, or who left care under a Special Guardianship Order (SGO) on or after 30 December 2005, or who left care under a Residence Order (RO) on or after 14 October 1991 or you think your child may be eligible for Free School Meals and is not yet registered, or you have served in the Armed Forces and have not notified us, please register with us by Thursday 26 September 2019 in order for us to claim this funding to further support your child.

You can do this by contacting the School Office by email MERoffice@maidenerleghschool.co.uk. We will also be able to help you to check your eligibility for any of these circumstances.

Please be assured that access to Pupil Premium funding can only ever be a good thing for a student – the extra funding allows us to provide resources for children that we would not otherwise be able to pay for from school funds. You and your children will only ever be spoken to discreetly and in private about extra provision and it is always our aim to work in partnership with you to work for the best possible outcomes for your child.

Yours sincerely



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