

Monday 18th September 2023

Pupil Premium 2023 – 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Mrs Orton, I am a senior leader and year six teacher. As part of my leadership role I oversee the use of Pupil Premium funding for Kirby Muxloe Primary School. Our records show that your child meets the criteria for pupil premium funding that comes to the school. This generally includes being eligible for Free School Meals at any point since May 2015, those who are classed as 'looked after' or 'previously looked after' by the Local Authority as well as other factors including being the child of armed forces personnel.

The government describe "Pupil Premium" as funding allocated to improve education outcomes for disadvantaged pupils in schools in England. Evidence shows that disadvantaged children generally face additional challenges in reaching their potential at school and often do not perform as well as other pupils.

I am therefore writing to share our Pupil Premium plans for this academic year.

As a school, we are expected to spend our Pupil Premium funding in a way that we feel will best support the individuals here at Kirby Muxloe Primary School. This incorporates both academic attainment and opportunities beyond the classroom in order to raise levels of progress and support children in fulfilling future aspirations.

Although we do not allocate such spending on an individual basis, all children receive a core offer during their time at KMPS. This includes additional classroom support where they are behind their peers, tailored specifically to their individual gaps in learning, funding for swimming (Y1 - Y4) and £25 towards educational school trips. Both residential trips in Y4 and Y6 will also be covered by Pupil Premium.

After our initial launch last year, we will be continuing to add to this 'core offer' by loaning an iPad to each child from Year 1 to Year 6 to use at home. This ensures all eligible pupils have full access to all online learning resources and homework set via school. This also removes potential barriers to learning from home. For us, this opportunity extends far beyond a learning tool. This provides the identified children with an equal opportunity to access and benefit from the same technology as their peers. Please do contact us if access to the internet is a problem.

Much like last year, please look out for a 'Home School Agreement' which will be following this letter in the coming weeks. This shares our vision and expectations in more detail. It is essential that this is signed and returned in order for your child to receive their iPad. If parents wish to download any additional apps, this can be done via the App Store. In order to do this you will need to create, or use an existing, Apple ID log in. All downloaded apps must have parental agreement.

As a tool to monitor your child's iPad use, we recommend an app called 'Jamf'. We will message over a link with some more information and guidance.

Jamf Parent is a free iPhone, iPad, Apple Watch, and Android app that allows you to manage your children's school-issued mobile devices. Depending on the software your school uses to manage your children's school-issued mobile devices, you may be able to use the Jamf Parent web app. Using Jamf Parent, you can restrict and allow apps and device functionality on your children's devices. You can only manage your children's devices with Jamf Parent during the time periods specified by your school's Information Technology department.

If you wish to discuss anything further, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am passionate about working closely with families and will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Kind regards,

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