



Dear Parent/Carer

Happy New Year. I hope that you and your children have had a restful Christmas and that they are ready for the year ahead.

I write to you asking for important information that will affect pupil funding for some pupils at St Patrick's. The Department for Education give extra funding called *Pupil Premium* to raise the attainment of disadvantaged pupils from Reception to Year 11. Many of our pupils already receive this funding and we use it to make sure we have smaller class sizes and extra resources. There are certain criteria for children to get this extra funding:

- If they have received free school meals
- If they are looked after children
- If they have been adopted or have a special guardianship order or residence order

In order to receive this additional funding we are required to provide information to the Department for Education confirming which children meet certain government criteria.

We are interested in those children who have been adopted from care or have a special guardianship order or residence order as we are unaware of every child that will fit into this group, especially if this happened whilst at primary school. Many parents of children who meet these criteria do not know they can tell their child's school and gain extra funding for them to be used within the school budget. 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/child arrangement order.

If you would like to enable us to claim this extra funding so that it can be put into the school budget and benefit your child, you will need to inform us about your child and provide supporting evidence, for example, provide the original Adoption (Court) Order. **You need to send a letter to Miss A Howarth by Friday 12th January 2018 to enable us to claim.**

Please feel free to get in touch with us at school if you want any help with the above information. We will keep all information about children adopted from care or who have a special guardianship order or residence order highly confidential as per our data protection policy.

Yours sincerely,

Alison Byrne
Headteacher

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