



NORTH TOWN
PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you regarding Pupil Premium Funding (free school meals) and the way in which the money is used.

We have been reflecting on how best we can provide the ever increasing support needed for our young people and have made the very difficult decision to stop funding the purchase of uniforms from our Pupil Premium funding. We will, instead, be re-investing these funds into providing more support within and outside of the classroom to those pupils that are most in need.

The Pupil Premium (free school meals) government guidance states the following:

What should schools be spending the pupil premium (free school meals) on?

Based on expert evidence of what works when it comes to improving the outcomes of eligible children, schools must spend their pupil premium funding (free school meals) on:

- *Supporting high-quality teaching, such as staff professional development*
- *Providing targeted academic support, such as tutoring*
- *Tackling non-academic barriers to academic success, such as difficulties with attendance, behaviour, and social and emotional wellbeing.*

We do recognise the challenges that many families face and are often donated many uniforms in excellent condition by other North Town families. We do and continue to offer these uniforms to families for free.

Our aim will always be to support the children and families at North Town but we have to ensure that we are spending the Pupil Premium Grant (free school meals) correctly.

Best wishes,

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