**Dear Parents and Carers,**

**RE: Pupil premium for pupils who are adopted from care or with Special Guardianship/Residence Orders/Child Arrangement Orders**

You may be aware that the school is given extra funding through the pupil premium grant for some groups of children. The Department for Education announced in October 2013 that from 1 April 2014, this extra money will be extended to pupils adopted from care, those who left care to Special Guardianship Orders, left care to Residence Orders or left care to Child Arrangement Orders will become eligible for the Pupil Premium Grant.

The additional funding the school will receive per child will be £2,300. This is a significant sum which we can use to support the progress of a pupil who may previously have experienced barriers to being really successful in school.

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 need a letter from you. BeforeJanuary 2019 **(census date).** You will need to provide supporting evidence, for example, the Adoption (Court) Order in time for the school to record the child’s status on the School Census.

Please do not hesitate to contact me personally if you want to discuss this.