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27th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Pupil Premium Grant

I am writing to you to discuss the Pupil Premium Grant for previously looked after children.

If your child has previously been in care and is now adopted or living with you under a special guardianship order or child arrangement order, the school is able to claim £2,570 each year to support the social, emotional and academic needs of this group of previously looked after children.

Please be aware that you must make this declaration each time your child moves to a new school, so if this is your child's first year with us, we would be grateful if you could let us know. So we can make this claim, please declare your child/children's status by emailing me at cmartin@theongaracademy.org. I am the Designated Teacher for Looked-After and Previously Looked-After Children, and it is one of my roles to ensure your child is understood and supported in school.

Some of you may have already made this declaration known to us. However, as I recently took over the role as the Designated Teacher, I would appreciate it if you could let me know if this applies to your child also, by emailing the address outlined above.

This grant can be spent to benefit these pupils and be used to improve the outcomes in the following areas:

- Academic achievement and progress
- Enrichment activities and wider achievement
- Improving and maintaining attendance
- Inclusion and social skills
- Transition; to a new key stage or learning provider.

It is important to understand that the funding is not ring-fenced to the child that attracts it. This gives the school flexibility to decide how the additional funding can best be deployed to have the maximum impact. Schools can, for example, decide to train their staff in recognising and responding to attachment-related issues, or alternatively additional support at unstructured times of the day.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us give these children the best support possible. **I would appreciate responses by Friday 4th October, at the latest.**

Yours sincerely

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