

ABBAY ACADEMIES TRUST
Executive Headteacher: Mrs S J Moore

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Dear Parent/Carer

PUPIL PREMIUM APPLICATIONS & SCAM WARNING

We are aware that due to the current crisis many families are suddenly experiencing financial hardship. The government has indicated that it is planning a national response for families of students in need although we do not have any further details.

We would recommend that any families that find themselves in this position apply for Pupil Premium funding. This should entitle students access to immediate support. We are currently looking at ways in which we can support students entitled to free school meals in advance of a national scheme.

Pupil premium applications are completed online at:

www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-pupil-support/apply-free-school-meals

In the meantime some schools in another Local Authority have already reported that parents and carers of children in receipt of free school meals are being targeted by fraudsters who are emailing parents and carers with messages such as 'If your child is entitled to free school meals send your bank details to the school and they will help with funding while the school is closed'. The email contains links to follow if they want to receive this funding – **these links are fake**. This is a scam. Please never share your bank details in this way.

Yours sincerely



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