

## Pupil Premium

### **How you can help your child and our school**

The Department for Education states “Attainment gaps between pupils from deprived backgrounds and their more affluent peers persist through all stages of education, including entry into higher education. The highest early achievers from deprived backgrounds are overtaken by lower achieving children from advantaged backgrounds by age seven. The gap widens further during secondary education and persists into higher education. The likelihood of a pupil eligible for Free School Meals achieving five or more GCSEs at A\*-C including English and mathematics is less than one third of a non-FSM pupil. A pupil from a non-deprived background is more than twice as likely to go on to study at university as their deprived peer.”

**School funding has been changed to help and it means that if your child is entitled to FREE SCHOOL MEALS or is 'looked after' not only will you receive much needed and deserved income but the School will also gain additional funding in our overall budget which we can use to pay for personalised support and interventions.**

Although the thought of your son or daughter going to university may seem a long time off, the staff at Harrow High School want to make sure your son or daughter has the best chance of achieving good results in their exams and future studies. To help us achieve the best for your child, the School receives additional funding called ‘Pupil Premium’ for every child who receives or has received free school meals in the past 6 years. It is for schools to decide how the pupil premium is spent and we will be held accountable for the use of the additional funding to support children from low-income families and the impact this has on educational attainment. Our learners make excellent progress but we do need your help as the more funds we attract, the greater flexibility we have to provide additional support.

**It is never too late to apply for Free School Meals.**

How can you help? Please ensure, if you are eligible, to apply for the Free School Meal entitlement for your children. This means your child will be able to eat a healthy, nutritious meal every day they are at school and this will save you over £400 a year. It means Harrow High receives additional funding to spend on your child’s education and together we can improve their educational future.

**Please go on-line and complete the application via the Harrow Civic Centre website.**

If you need help, just phone the school and speak to Mrs Decruz or ask at the next parents’ evening.