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Dear Parent / Carer,

From April 2014, schools in England are entitled to receive the 'Pupil Premium' for children adopted from care or who left care under a Special Guardianship (SGO) on or after 30 December 2005. Schools can also claim the Pupil Premium for children who left care under a Residence Order (RO) on or after 14 October 1991.

The Pupil Premium is available to help schools raise the attainment of potentially disadvantaged pupils and close the gap with their peers. It is paid to schools in respect of disadvantaged pupils from Reception to Year 11. The Government has extended the coverage of the Pupil Premium in recognition of ongoing educational needs for this group of children.

However, in order for the schools to claim the Pupil Premium for adopted children, and those who are the subject of a SGO and RO, parents and carers will need to inform the school and provide supporting evidence, for example, by showing the school the original Adoption (Court) Order. Parents and carers will need to self-declare before 16 January 2014 which is the date schools complete the annual School Census.

If your child is of school age, please could you contact the school as soon as possible and provide them with the necessary supporting evidence. This will then allow the school to access the additional funding that they will be entitled to in order to better meet your child's educational needs.

Yours sincerely

Ewen Weir
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