## **Information for Parents & Carers**

# THE ROUNDHILL ACADEMY

## Our Pupil Premium Promise



"We believe it is unacceptable for children's success to be determined by their social circumstances. We intend to raise levels of achievement for all disadvantaged pupils and to close the gap between disadvantaged children and their peers." Source- Government policy-education of disadvantaged children/2010-to-2015

The pupil premium grant provides funding to improve educational outcomes for disadvantaged pupils in state-funded schools in England.



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The Roundhill Academy aims that pupils eligible for pupil premium will;

- Achieve the best that they can, with their attainment and progress at least in line with other students.
- Fully participate in the life of the school.

#### Our collective values are to;

**Nurture** – by forging consistent routines, building resilience and providing a safe and welcoming school environment.

**Enrich** – by providing tailored enrichment reflecting diversity and promoting cultural awareness and opportunities beyond the taught curriculum.

**Inspire** – by providing an aspirational and thought-provoking Curriculum with opportunity for every individual within our school community to flourish.

## The school receives Pupil Premium funding for pupils who fall into the following categories:

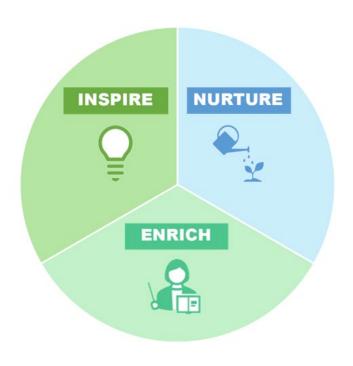
- Pupils who qualify for free school meals, or have done at any time in the past six years.
- Pupils who have a parent serving in the armed forces.
- Looked After Children (LAC), or pupils who have been adopted from care.

Should your child be eligible or a recipient of Pupil Premium, The Roundhill Academy is here to support you and inform you of the strategies in place to inspire, nurture and enrich your child's educational experience.

Our core purpose is to prepare our young people to enter the world as confident, well rounded and highly educated individuals. We have a broad curriculum offer and our teaching is both supportive and aspirational. We offer a wide range of extra-curricular opportunities and a strong careers programme to prepare young people for the next steps of their education.

We are committed to promoting educational aspiration and making a. positive difference to life chance sf pupils at and beyond the school.

Please see how we aim to support your child below.



#### Inspire

- Quality First Teaching to support pupils in lessons
- Schemes of work sequenced to allow pupils to revisit knowledge, building their schema over time
- Home learning tasks printed on paper as well as provided online
- Extended project (KS3) builds softskills ready for KS4 study and employment
- Progress reviews at teacher, department and whole school levels
- Priority booking for Parents Evening
- Standing agenda items at HOD and SLT level review and pupil progress
- · CPD for teaching and support staff
- Collaborative approach with SEND department
- Provision to address specific needs of disadvantaged pupils with PP
- Early identification to provide reading intervention
- Resources/equipment provided/ subsidised for lessons including reading books
- Ancillary costs for DT and Food tech subsidised

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#### Nurture

- Academic mentoring/ Peer mentoring
- Pastoral support for wellbeing and access to family support
- 1 to 1 targeted support and academic intervention
- Prioritised wellbeing support such as ELSA
- Small group work
- Attendance support (including transport arrangements)
- Revision guides (KS4) and instructive sessions
- Extended/fast tracked careers interviewsadditional support with applications
- Proactively recruiting support from external agencies

#### Enrich

- Enrichment tracking and prioritising
- Payment plans for visits and residential trips
- Dedicated member of staff to monitor and support progress
- Regular, personal communication with home
- Uniform support- Uniform Swaps!
- Exams breakfasts
- Meal provision
- Supported/funded music lessons
- Sports kit support

### Frequently asked questions

. How do I know if my child is eligible for a pupil premium?

Pupil premium funding is allocated to eligible schools based on the number of:

- pupils who are recorded as eligible for free school meals, or have been recorded as eligible in the past 6 years (referred to as Ever 6 FSM)
- children previously looked after by a local authority or other state care, including children adopted from state care or equivalent from outside England and Wales

Pupil premium is not a personal budget for individual pupils, and schools do not have to spend pupil premium so that it solely benefits pupils who meet the funding criteria. It can be used:

- to support other pupils with identified needs, such as those who have or have had a social worker, or who
  act as a carer
- for whole class interventions which will also benefit non-disadvantaged pupils

### Pupil premium: overview - GOV.UK

• How do I know if my child is eligible for Free School Meals?

Free school meals are available to pupils in receipt of, or whose parents are in receipt of, one or more of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
  - Income Support Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
  - Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
  - Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
  - The guaranteed element of Pension Credit

- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
  - Working Tax Credit run-on paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

#### Free school meals

• How do I apply for Free School Meals?

Click on the link on the website below to start your application

#### Free School Meals | Leicestershire County Council

How does The Roundhill Academy monitor the academic progress of my child with a pupil premium?

All staff at TRA have a commitment to ensuring your child is making academic progress. At TRA, the Progress Leader is responsible for regularly overseeing pupil progress of those accessing a premium, through the review of progress data and reporting. The Progress Leader will target and organise mentoring and intervention to support this when any child is identified as not making expected progress.

Please see our Pupil Premium Promise for more information regarding our commitment to Inspire, Nurture and Enrich all children's education and wellbeing.

• How does The Roundhill Academy monitor the opportunities offered to my child with a pupil premium?

When your child arrives at TRA in year 7, they are given an enrichment tracker where they record every experience they have collected during their time with us. This helps to support them in Year 11 to write their applications to further and higher educational institutions. Where children have chosen not to participate in some experiences, they will be encouraged to participate in others to ensure that they have accessed something different.

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• How can I access subsidies to support the purchasing of uniform and equipment?

For a uniform voucher, where a discount can be given, please contact reception

For support with specialist equipment that may be required in a subject, please contact the subject teacher/leader via phone or email

• How can I access subsidies to ensure my child can participate in extracurricular activities/enrichment/residential trips?

Please contact the subject teacher/leader to establish if financial support can be offered

Staged payments can be organised to support the payments of more expensive trips