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Dear Parents

Adoption agencies such as ourselves have been asked by the Department for Education to make adoptive parents aware of the Pupil Premium for adopted children that will be applicable from April 2014 and they have provided the following information:

Pupil Premium: Was your adopted child formally a 'looked after child' and adopted on or after 30 December 2005?

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

The Pupil Premium is to help schools raise the attainment of disadvantaged pupils and close the gap with their peers. It is paid to schools in respect of disadvantaged pupils in Reception to Year 11. The Government has extended the coverage of the Pupil Premium in recognition of the traumatic experiences many adopted children have endured in their early lives and a realisation that their needs do not change overnight.

To enable your child's school to claim the Pupil Premium, you will need to inform the school about your child and provide supporting evidence, for example, show the school the original Adoption (Court) Order. **You will need to self-declare before 16 January 2014 which is the date schools complete the annual School Census.** This will then trigger the payment of the Pupil Premium to the school from April 2014. More information can be found in the enclosed/attached question and answer sheet.

You will see that parents of children already at school need to notify the school by 16 January 2014 in order for the school to receive the payment. We are also sending the letter to parents of younger children for information only at this stage.

Please contact me if you have any queries about this letter.

With best wishes

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