 

#### VINE TREE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent or Carer,

In school we are able to access a fund called Pupil Premium. It is available to children who fall into one or more of these categories.

* Children who are eligible to register with the local authority for an income related free school meal or who have registered in the last 6 years.
* Children with a parent in the Armed Forces.
* A child who has been adopted from care, under a Special Guardianship Order, or a Residence Order.

Through this funding we have made the decision to allocate **up to £100 to each child**; this money can be ‘spent’ on a variety of school expenses which occur throughout the year. **The scheme will run from 1st April 2023 – 31st March 2024**. This unique Vine Tree £100 fund will enable you to access some support from the following list:

* School sweatshirts, cardigans or polo shirts (order at the office).
* £20 per year towards educational visits
* Free after school clubs that normally would incur a cost (call in at the office to arrange this).
* £30 towards school shoes upon production of a receipt.
* £50 off the cost of a residential trip once per financial year
* Free toast at morning break (speak to the office about accessing this).

The office will keep an account of how much of your £100 allocation you have spent, if you need an update please speak to them.

In order to qualify for Pupil Premium, you must be eligible for free school meals. Cheshire East Council will continue to award free school meals to the families that receive the qualifying incomes as outlined below, and whose children attend a Cheshire East school.

* Income Support
* Income based Jobseeker's Allowance
* Income related Employment Support Allowance
* Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
* The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
* Child Tax Credit - as long as you have a yearly household income of less than £16,190 (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs) and do not get Working Tax Credit
* Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
* Universal Credit with no earned income or with net monthly earnings less than £616.67
* If you think you are eligible for income related free school meals please complete the Cheshire East on line [application for free school meals](http://form.cheshireeast.gov.uk/service/Application_for_free_school_meals) found on Cheshire East’s website
* Phone 0300 123 5012 and they will let you know if the children in your care are entitled to free school meals or pop into school and speak to Miss Blackburn.

Yours sincerely



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