



Rye College & Rye Studio
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Headteacher: Barry Blakelock

20th September, 2017

Dear Parents and Families,

RE: PUPIL PREMIUM GRANT from 1st September 2017 – Important Information

I thought it important to write with clarification about the way we use the Pupil Premium Grant.

The Secretary of State for Education provides schools with additional funding based on the number of students in receipt of free school meals, those 'looked after' in social care arrangements or those from families serving in the armed forces.

Rye College and Studio School has determined that from 1st September 2017, we will use the Pupil Premium Grant to enhance collective provision with a particular focus on:

- Closing the 'progress' gap between those for whom the college receives Pupil Premium funding and other students;
- Improving attendance rates for those whom the college receives Pupil Premium funding and in turn the whole college;
- Increasing student awareness, participation and appreciation of wider opportunities both inside and outside the college community.

Unfortunately, the Pupil Premium Grant is not a personal budget managed on a child-by-child basis – rather it is used strategically to raise the attainment of disadvantaged students of all abilities.

Regrettably, Rye College and Studio School is unable to honour any costs associated with such historic 'personalised arrangements' including reimbursement of travel costs, uniform costs or costs incurred attending additional events outside of college unless agreed by the headteacher since 1st September 2017.

In the near future, we shall be publishing our plans for the spending of the grant and a review of the effectiveness of spending to date.

With thanks,

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Barry Blakelock

Headteacher Rye College and Studio School