Financial Support Advice

As you are no doubt aware, the cost of living crisis is having a huge impact on families across the country. There are a number of ways that school may be able to help. Please do get in touch if you would appreciate support.

The Pupil Premium

Did you know that there are **many more benefits** to the Pupil Premium other than free school meals?

- ✓ Additional school funding to support learning
- ✓ Support with the cost of educational visits and residentials
- ✓ Support with uniform costs
- ✓ Free school milk
- ✓ Free school meals beyond year 2

If parent/carers of children receive one of the qualifying benefits listed below, school may benefit from additional funding called the **Pupil Premium**. This enables the school to provide further support in school and beyond.

Qualifying benefits include:

- Income support
- Income based Jobseekers' Allowance
- Income related Employment & Support Allowance

You may also be entitled if you receive Universal Credit or Child Tax Credits.

All applications must be made via the City of York Council website. If you think you may be eligible, you will need to visit www.york.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals. If you are unable to access the internet please contact the school office for assistance.

Technology

We appreciate that much of our homework is accessible via online platforms using technological devices. There are many benefits to this; however, we recognise that this could potentially be a barrier to accessing learning. If you would prefer paper copies, or support with technology, please do get in touch.

Debt Advice

If you are struggling with debt issues, Citizens Advice may be able to help.

Please contact the administrator, Maria on 01904 683913 (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9.30am – 4pm) to complete a short debt assessment and to schedule a telephone appointment with a specialist adviser. Please have details of income, debts, and expenditure to hand if possible.

Alternatively, email maria.sharp@cayork.org

Local Area Co-ordinator

The Haxby and Wigginton Local Area Co-ordinator is Natalie Greaves. Local Area Coordinators help you stay safe, well, independent and connected to your local community by:

- helping raise awareness of available resources
- providing links to local services
- supporting people with a wide range of issues
- developing resilience and social inclusion in communities

Natalie can be contacted on 07957 455359 or natalie.greaves@york.gov.uk

Other Support

There are many other organisations that can help, which we may be able to direct you towards. All communication will be kept in the strictest confidence, so please don't put off making contact if you would appreciate support.