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Dear Parent / Carer,

I am writing to you all to introduce myself as the designated lead of Pupil Premium at King's Lynn Academy. It is my role to ensure that all pupils – regardless of their circumstances – can access the curriculum effectively and maximise their potential during their time here.

Each year, the Academy receives designated funding from the government to help them improve the attainment of their disadvantaged pupils. Eligible students include those who either:

- Are currently in receipt of free school meals (the criteria for which can be found in our PPB leaflet);
- Have claimed free school meals in the last six years;
- Are currently in local authority care ('looked-after') or have previously been in their care ('previously looked-after');
- Have a parent who is serving in HM Forces or a parent who has retired from the Ministry of Defence.

This funding is crucial to ensure that these pupils are not further disadvantaged in any way, with particular focus on academic progression and exam success. We strive to close the achievement gap between these pupils and their more affluent peers, offering equal opportunities and high expectations for each member of our Academy cohort. This has become more important than ever: with the pandemic predicted to have widened this gap substantially, we aim to use catch-up premium in the most effectual ways, therefore lessening any potential negative impact upon our most vulnerable pupils.

At King's Lynn Academy, we ascribe to The Education Endowment Foundation's tiered approach to Pupil Premium Funding, which briefly comprises of quality-first teaching of all pupils, targeted academic support and wider school strategies to support academic success. A clear guide as to what we do, the research behind each of our interventions and the outcomes we hope to achieve this year can be found on our Pupil Premium Strategy document, which can be accessed via our Academy's website.

I hope this gives you a small insight to the work we are doing with our Pupil Premium cohort here at King's Lynn Academy. Please feel free to contact me if you have any queries or require further information regarding our Pupil Premium funding.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs L Espiner
Assistant Principal (Vulnerable Groups)