



## HIGH STANDARDS, HIGH ASPIRATIONS, HIGH EXPECTATIONS

7<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

### Pupil Premium Plus for Previously Looked After Children

Following a change in legislation in the last several years, Bristol Metropolitan Academy now looks to identify all students that have at some point in their life been looked after by the local authority and then left care through any one of the following:

- Adoption order
- Special guardianship order (SGO)
- Child arrangement order (CAO)

By parents or carers of students who have previously been in care self-declaring this, we are able to access additional funding which can be used to support students who may have encountered trauma at an earlier stage of their lives. This funding is used to provide additional pastoral and/or academic support and the academy has the flexibility to decide how the additional funding can best be deployed to have the maximum impact. Schools can, for example, decide to train their staff in recognising and responding to attachment-related issues or provide tailored support for an individual.

In order to secure this funding, you must declare your child's status directly to us at the academy. This can be done by contacting me through [info@bristolmet.net](mailto:info@bristolmet.net). I will then get in touch so that we can discuss your child's eligibility for funding and to explore how we can support them further. Please be aware that you will be required to provide proof that they were in local authority care and left through one of the court orders listed above.

We understand that for many families this can be a very private matter - please be reassured that any evidence and information will be handled sensitively, used only to apply for funding and to support the young person with your agreement.

If you have already had contact with me about this in the last year, then you do not need to take any further action. Please be aware that you must make this declaration each time your child moves to a new school, so if you believe your child to be previously looked after and this is their first year with us or you haven't previously come forward, we would be grateful if you could let us know.

Kind regards

Mrs Emma Ball  
Designated Teacher  
Associate Assistant Principal

