Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you of statutory guidance from the Department for Education regarding previously looked after children.

As you may be aware Local authorities have a duty to promote the educational achievement of children in care, however this guidance states that previously looked-after children are entitled to additional support.

**Previously looked-after children are those who:**

* Have previously been looked-after but are no longer looked after by a local authority in England and Wales and;
* Are living with family members or carers on a Special Guardianship Order, a child arrangement order
* Are legally adopted

**What does additional support mean?**

Previously Looked After Children now eligible for Pupil Premium funding of £2,410 per pupil. This money is sent from central government to schools who can provide information on the number of pupils in their school who are previously looked after. This is additional funding is provided to help improve the attainment of pupils and close the attainment gap between them and their peers.

Sutton Virtual School is also available as a source of advice and information to help parents and carers to advocate for their children. <https://www.cognus.org.uk/suttonvirtualschool/>

**Why do I need to share this information?**

The legislation sets out that local authorities and schools should be aware of pupils who are previously looked after. This is to enable us to ensure we are supporting pupils effectively. This may be through academic or pastoral support.

**What’s next?**

If you think that your child qualifies as Previously Looked After please complete the slip below and hand it into the school office. You will then be contacted by one of the safeguarding team for an informal chat. We can then discuss any additional support you or your child may need.

**Please note:**

Please return the completed form to secondary reception marked for the attention of [ENTER NAME] Your information will not be shared with anyone other than the safeguarding team.

Yours faithfully,

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Pupil Name: Class/Tutor Group: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Tick which is appropriate:

Pupil was looked after by a local authority in England and Wales and is now;

Pupil is living with carers subject to a Special Guardianship Order or a child arrangement order

Pupil is legally adopted