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Dear Parent/Carer

Pupil Premium and Free School Meals

The Pupil Premium is additional government funding provided to schools to help support disadvantaged pupils and reduce the attainment gap between them and their peers.

This funding is allocated based on the number of students who are currently eligible for Free School Meals (FSM), or who have been eligible at any point in the last six years ("Ever 6").

National data shows that students receiving FSM often make less academic progress than their peers and may achieve lower outcomes in external examinations such as GCSEs. The aim of the Pupil Premium is to address this gap by investing directly in your child's education, with funds incorporated into the school's budget and planning.

The Robert Carre Trust policy covers both Carre's Grammar School and Kesteven and Sleaford High School. For the academic and financial year 2025/2026 the school will allocate this funding in the following way:

Supporting the specialist care provided by pastoral staff across both schools.

- Providing additional support in academic subjects where this is likely to raise student attainment. Contributing towards educational visits and school trips.
- Offering parents up to **£120 per child** each year to help with uniform costs or transport expenses (claims can be made by submitting receipts and the claim form on page 2 to the Finance Office).
- Providing a daily **free school meal allowance of £3.10**, which can be used at break or lunch. For best value, we encourage pupils to use the "Meal Deal" options.
- Continuing the popular "**free fruit**" initiative, allowing all students to help themselves to fruit during the school day. Following last year's successful trial at KSHS, this scheme will now also run at Carre's.
- In Year 9 onwards, students can access the gym at CGS for a subsidised annual fee of just £30."

Full details of how Pupil Premium is used and how attainment is raised is posted on the website of each school. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely



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