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The Reading School Promise 2023: Students in receipt of Service Premium

Our aim is to make Reading School as open as possible to all children. We know that parents worry about the cost of sending their child to school and we want to work with parents to reduce these concerns.

If your son is currently eligible, a free school meal will be provided. In addition, for any boy offered a place at Reading School, who receives the Service Premium as a result of the involvement of a parent or carer in the armed forces and as such, is eligible for pupil premium (i.e. who has been eligible for free school meals at any point in the last six years) we will provide:

1. Confidentiality: about financial arrangements with regards to your son. Assistance is given automatically with the minimum of fuss so that no family can be identified as receiving support. Our finance team are available to talk to privately about any financial concerns.
2. Support with uniforms costs supported by the provision of vouchers for £100 towards the purchase of PE kit and £100 towards the purchase of uniform from Stephenson's at the start of Year 7 and for compulsory school uniform.
3. Additional support of up to £200 for uniform related expenses at the start of Year 9; claimed back via the Reading Promise form.
4. Free essential school trips: The school will fund Belonging Week trips for all students in Years 7-10, up to £200 per annum. Other trips may be subsidised.
5. Access to a **'fee free'** locker: allocated before the start of each academic year.
6. Free essential equipment for lessons: provided for students before they start Year 7, including free laboratory coats and goggles for science.
7. Additional discretionary support may be available, with the Headmaster's approval. Please contact Mr T.Evans for a confidential conversation as required.

In order to establish to whom the grant is payable to, the student's permanent address will be used. This must be the student's permanent home address with their parent(s) / carer(s), e.g. the address where the student is registered with a GP. In the cases where parents have shared responsibility for a student, the permanent address will be where the student stays for the majority of the school week (Monday to Friday) and the school may ask for documentary evidence.

If you have any questions about the support available, have other specific needs, or would like to discuss any concerns, please contact Mr T. Evans on 0118 9015600 or email: tevans@reading-school.co.uk

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