The Marling School Promise

At Marling School, we are committed to creating an inclusive environment where every pupil can thrive. We want all of our students to have opportunities to succeed academically, socially and personally, and we work as closely as possible with families to ensure that no pupil is disadvantaged by circumstance.

This promise applies to pupils eligible for Pupil Premium and Pupil Premium Plus, ensuring they are able to access the best possible Marling experience from the very start of their school journey.

Additional support may be offered to children and families accessing Pupil Premium Plus, tailored to meet individual needs and circumstances.

Our Commitments

1. Discretion and Respect

All support is provided confidentially and respectfully. Families are able to discuss any concerns privately with the school, and we are fully committed to ensuring that assistance is offered in a way that helps pupils feel included and supported, without being singled out.

2. Uniform and Belonging

Every pupil is supported to feel a sense of belonging and pride in the school, including access to essential school uniform and PE kit. Support of up to £75 may be available to contribute towards compulsory items such as a blazer, tie, trousers, shirts, rugby boots and rugby shirt in Year 7, with continued support considered throughout Key Stages 3 and 4 where required. Families should note that bank details and receipts may need to be provided to the Finance Office. Second-hand uniform is also available at a reduced cost to further support families.

3. Academic Readiness

We ensure that all pupils have the tools they need to fully engage in learning, including essential stationery, resources, and any specialist materials required for their subjects. All eligible Year 7 pupils are provided with a resources kit in the first week of Term 1, including a scientific calculator and core stationery.

All Year 7 pupils are expected to have a digital device to support their learning. To help ensure this is possible for every family, the school operates a device scheme: support may be available to help pupils access a suitable device if needed. Devices for Year 7 Pupil Premium students will be distributed within Term 2.

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Ongoing support is provided throughout Key Stages 3 and 4, including access to essential resources, revision materials, and guidance to support independent learning and exam preparation. This ensures all pupils can fully participate in lessons, engage independently with their learning, and benefit from high-quality teaching throughout their time at Marling. Support is offered sensitively and reviewed regularly to meet individual circumstances.

4. Enrichment and Participation

Learning at Marling extends beyond the classroom, and we want every pupil to be able to take part in the wider life of the school. Pupils are encouraged to engage in extra-curricular clubs, trips and residential experiences, as well as music, arts, leadership opportunities and physical activity.

Where financial or practical barriers may limit participation, support can be offered depending on individual circumstances. This may include assistance with additional transport costs, activity costs, or access to essential equipment.

For pupils eligible for Pupil Premium, Year 7 camp and Duke of Edinburgh awards at Bronze (Year 9) and Silver (Year 10) are supported to ensure all pupils are able to participate fully. Further assistance may also be provided to help pupils access any necessary equipment for these experiences.

Free gym access is available to Key Stage 4 pupils, with gym passes issued following induction during PE lessons, supporting health, wellbeing and positive engagement with physical activity.

Support with music tuition, including contributions of up to 50% towards tuition or instrument hire, may also be available to ensure pupils can access enrichment opportunities where appropriate.

5. Wellbeing and Pastoral Support

Pupils are supported with their wellbeing and pastoral needs through a range of staff, with access to guidance and counselling where appropriate. This support helps pupils to develop socially and emotionally and to engage positively with school life.

6. Future Pathways and Careers

Disadvantaged pupils receive priority access to careers guidance, work experience opportunities and advice on post-16 pathways, ensuring they are well prepared for the next steps in their education, training or future careers.

All support is discussed confidentially with families and reviewed regularly to ensure it remains appropriate, proportionate and effective. This includes families and children accessing Pupil Premium Plus, so that support can be tailored to meet their specific circumstances.

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If you have any questions about the support available, have other specific needs or would like to discuss any concerns, please contact our finance team in the first instance: finance@liftmarlingschool.org

To learn more about pupil Premium and its purpose, please click on the links below:

The EEF Guide to the Pupil Premium | EEF

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