The Scottish Government made a recent announcement regarding Pupil Equity Funding and I would like to update you on what this means for us and our school community.

**What is Pupil Equity Funding?**

The Pupil Equity Funding is additional funding allocated directly to schools and targeted at *closing the attainment related poverty gap*. The Scottish Government has committed to this funding as part of the Scottish Attainment Challenge programme.

**How much is it?**

Each school will receive £1200 for each pupil in P1-S3 in receipt of free school meals. Kirktonholme Primary has been allocated *£70800* for the financial year 2017-2018. The funding will continue for 4 years.

**How can it be used?**

The money must be used to support activities and interventions which focus on and lead to improvements in Literacy, Numeracy and Health and Wellbeing and must target the identified pupils.

As part of the decision making process, I would like to invite you to discuss with me the barriers to learning that your children experience and the possible interventions we can put in place to help them overcome this. As Head Teacher, I will have the discretion to make decisions about which children and families would benefit most from any particular intervention and there may, or may not, be opportunities for other children to benefit from activities or interventions being used. You can be part of this discussion, by either completing the form on the reverse of this letter, or attending one of my discussion groups - please complete the tear off slip below if you wish to attend.

**What next?**

Once our specific barriers to learning have been identified, our research-based action plans, interventions and activities will be shared with you through our newsletters and School Improvement Plan. We will also continue to work with our colleagues in the Duncanrig Learning Community and our other partners to ensure **all** of our children achieve success as learners.

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**Pupil Equity Fund Discussion Group**

I would like to attend the discussion group on (please tick)

\_\_\_\_\_\_ 6.30pm Monday 27th March \_\_\_\_\_\_ 2pm Tuesday 28th March

*Discussions will be focused on the questions overleaf, will last no longer than 1 hour and be held in our dining room.*

*Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Child’s name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ room \_\_\_*

Parent Consultation

*A barrier to learning is something which stops your child from achieving their best.*

Within our school

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| What barriers to learning does your child experience?*What makes learning difficult for your child in school?* | What can our school do to help them? |
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Out with our school

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| What barriers to learning does your family experience?*What makes learning difficult for you family?* | What can our school do to help you?*How can we help you?* |
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Child’s Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Room \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_