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Dear Parent/Guardian

### **APPLICATION FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS**

We would like to make you aware of the 'Free School Meals' scheme which operates in our School. Pupils whose parents/guardians are in receipt of particular support payments and meet certain criteria may be eligible to receive free school meals **as well as funding towards additional support and opportunities in school**. Please take the time to read this letter; it could really enhance the opportunities and support we offer your child.

#### **Your child could be entitled to:**

- **c.£1,300 worth of extra support and opportunities (Pupil Premium funding)** as well as
- **Free school meals (even if they are in Year 3 or above)**

#### **The relevant support payments include:**

- Income Support (IS)
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (IBJSA)
- Income-related employment and support allowance (IRESA)
- Child Tax Credit (provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income, as assessed by HMRC, which does not exceed £16,190)
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (the payment someone receives for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit).
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Universal Credit

### **Reasons for registering**

- Your child will have access to a varied menu, providing nutritious food, even if they are above Year 2 and/or
- In addition, the school receives an extra payment from the government, based on its numbers of Free School Meals Pupils.

Please also register, even if your child is currently entitled to Universal Free School Meals (i.e. in Reception or Key Stage 1), as the school only receives funding from the government for each child registered for Free School Meals.

### **Does my child have to eat a school meal if I register?**

While it is recommended your child eats a school meal, due to the nutritional value it provides, this is optional – we would ask though that you register regardless of whether or not they want a meal so we can receive this funding to support your child.

### **What is the Pupil Premium?**

We will receive approx. £1,300 from the Government for every child registered for Free School Meals, providing us with a very important boost to school funds. This will allow us to provide extra support such as extra tuition, learning assistants or after-school clubs. If you register this year then we will receive the Pupil Premium next year.

### **How will this benefit my child/ren?**

Although the school as a whole will benefit from receiving this extra funding, we will use this funding to provide targeted support and provision to individual children who we know will benefit from additional provision.

### **How do I know if I qualify?**

Please look at the leaflet accompanying this letter, which explains who is entitled.

### **How do I apply?**

If you qualify and wish to register you can apply by completing an application form available in the office. You will need to provide proof of entitlement.

If you think your child is eligible for free school meals, please register to ensure your child does not miss out on available funding.

If you need any confidential advice or have any questions, please speak to Angela in the office or to Mrs Munson or me.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Lucy Miles  
Headteacher