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Dear Parents and Carers

Free School Meals and Pupil Premium - are you, your family and your school entitled?

We want to make sure that we are providing your child with the best education and support we can! Families who receive certain benefits may be eligible for extra funding for their child called Pupil Premium. Your child is eligible for Pupil Premium funding if you're in receipt of one of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400.
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190) Registering for pupil premium funding could also raise an extra £1,345 for your child's school to fund valuable support like extra tuition, additional teaching staff or after school activities.

This additional money is available from central government for every child whose parent is receiving one of the benefits listed above. All the paperwork is now online and the key links are in the table below.

Children in Year R, 1 and 2	Children in Year 3 and 4
Your child is already in receipt of a Free School Meal. Apply for Pupil Premium funding.	Year 3 and 4 children do not automatically receive a Free School Meal. Apply for Free School Meals and the school will receive the Pupil Premium funding.

This funding the school receives is used for the benefit of your child, but will also improve the outcomes of the whole school community. It is therefore vitally important that parents sign up for a Free School Meal Award if they believe they are entitled. Please don't let the 'free school meal' title put you off applying, you can be in receipt of this award and not claim a meal if your child would prefer a packed lunch from home. You only need to complete this form once and it will last for the duration of your child's time at their current school.

If you have any questions regarding Free School Meals or Pupil Premium, please contact the office who will be able to help.

Many thanks

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