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Dear Parents and Carers

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Would you like your child to have a hot healthy meal every day at school, if so then you could be entitled to Free School Meals? Are you in receipt of the following benefits?

- INCOME SUPPORT (IS)
- INCOME BASED JOB SEEKERS ALLOWANCE (IBJSA)
- AN INCOME-RELATED EMPLOYMENTAND SUPPORT ALLOWANCE
- CHILD TAX CREDIT unless you are claiming Working Tax Credit (regardless of income) <u>or</u> your annual income (assessed by the Inland Revenue) exceeds £16,190
- SUPPORT UNDER PART VI OF THE IMMIGRATION AND ASYLUM ACT 1999
- GUARANTEE ELEMENT OF STATE PENSION CREDIT (GE)

If you would like to apply please complete the attached application form, a copy can also be found on our web site, and return to the school for the attention of Mrs E Walker Student Welfare Officer. Your application will be processed and we will inform you if you qualify.

Thank you

Yours sincerely

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Business Manager

Free School Meals & Pupil Premium

Research shows that better food in schools is improving what children eat during the school day, and there's evidence of a clear link between what children eat at lunchtime in school, where they eat it and how they focus with their teachers in the afternoon.

All children in reception, year I and year 2 in state-funded schools in England are eligible for free school meals. This includes infant pupils in maintained infant and primary schools, free schools, academies, special schools and pupil referral units.

Free school meals are also available to pupils in years 3 and above whose parents receive certain benefits and register using this application form. Please return this form to your child's school if you think you qualify for Free School Meals.



Pupil Premium - completing this form could also raise money for your child's school...



The Pupil Premium is a Government scheme that provides funding to schools of between £935 - £1,320 per pupil whose parents receive one of the qualifying benefits listed on this application form.

The school can use this money to raise the attainment of disadvantaged pupils and close the gap between them and their peers.

Q. How can I apply?

A. Simply complete this application form and return it to your child's school

Q. Why should I apply?

A. You and your school could benefit from Pupil Premium funding worth £935 - £1320 per pupil. As well as this, if your child is in year 3 or above this form is also used to apply for Free School Meals and could save you hundreds of pounds a year.

Q. My child is in Reception, year I or year 2 and automatically receives Free School Meals, do I still need to complete this form?

A. Yes! Pupil Premium is only paid to a school if the parent registers using this form and is receiving one of the qualifying benefits listed. Even though your child automatically receives free school meals completing this application form may entitle your school to Pupil Premium funding.

To register for free school meals, including Pupil Premium, please complete this application form and return it to your child's school as soon as possible to avoid delay.



FREE SCHOOL MEAL & PUPIL PREMIUM APPLICATION FORM

CHILDREN WHOSE PARENTS/CARERS RECEIVE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING BENEFITS ARE ENTITLED TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS AND WILL GENERATE PUPIL PREMIUM FOR THEIR SCHOOL:

- ✓ Income Support (IS)
- ✓ Income-based (not contribution-based) Job Seeker's Allowance (IBJSA)
- ▼ The guaranteed element of the State Pension Credit.
- Income-related employment and support allowance
- ✓ Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

Children who receive IS or IBJSA in their own right are also entitled to receive free school meals.

- ✓ Universal Credit
- ✓ Child Tax Credit except if you meet <u>ANY</u> of the following criteria
 - i) entitled to working tax credit (regardless of income)
 - ii) have an annual income in excess of £16,190 (Please note that this figure is for April 2016 and that it can change each year).

Where a parent is entitled to Working Tax Credit during the four-week period immediately after their employment ceases, or after they start to work less than 16 hours per week, their children are entitled to free school meals

Administration for the provision of free school meals is undertaken by Buckinghamshire County Council for those pupils attending an education establishment within Buckinghamshire. This form should be completed and returned to your child's school.

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