



Pride in all we do

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Dear Parents

As you are aware from September 2014, all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 in state funded schools in England are eligible for a school dinner. Every day under the Government scheme, called a Universal Infant Free School Meal (UIFSM) a school dinner is provided **free** for every child.

However some children in both **KS1** and **KS2** will also be eligible to receive extra funding for school, called PUPIL PREMIUM (often called Free School Meals) which is based on the benefits parents may receive, such as:

*Income Support,  
Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance  
Support under PartVI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999  
Employment and Support Allowance (income-related)  
Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit  
Child Tax **without** Working Tax Credit and annual income below £16,190.00 a year.*

It is very important that we still identify these pupils. This is because each child registered under the Pupil Premium/Free School Meal scheme attracts valuable funding for our school. We will receive £1,320 for each child who is entitled to it. This is money the school can benefit hugely from and use to provide new equipment or maybe more support staff.

**We therefore ask that if you are eligible to receive Free School Meals under the Pupil Premium Eligibility then you claim, even if you do not actually wish your child to have a free school meal. If you're not sure please still claim! It is worth a try.**

If you would like an application form please contact the school office. We can help you with this process.

Yours Sincerely

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