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'Caring, Successful Learners'

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to ask you for your help to ensure that our school receives Pupil Premium funding so we can continue to offer the very best for the children in our school. **The Pupil Premium is a sum of money given to schools each year by the Government to improve the attainment of children who are eligible for Free School Meals. The school uses this money to ensure that children receive extra support and access to resources should they need it. The school reports each year on its website how the Pupil Premium Grant is spent.**

Who is eligible for free school meals?

Free school meals are available to pupils in receipt of, or whose parents are in receipt of, one or more of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support • Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance • Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on –paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

In addition, any child gaining eligibility for free school meals after 1 April 2018 will be protected against losing free school meals during the Universal Credit rollout period. The Universal Credit rollout is currently expected to complete in March 2022

Since September 2014, all children in Reception and Years 1 and 2 have qualified for free school meals, regardless of their family income, but only the children who would qualify for free meals under the above income-based criteria will receive the pupil premium. Even if your child does not have a school meal and has a packed lunch – we still need you to check to see if your child is eligible as this enables us to claim pupil premium.

In the past school has been able to collect parent details and check to see if children are eligible but now the system has changed. Parents and carers have to log on to the 'Parent Portal' to see if they eligible details are provided overleaf.

We are pleased to be able to inform you that the school is running a competition for all parents and carers who check to see if their child (in any year group) is eligible for Free School Meals they will be entered into a prize draw. **The first prize is an iPad with second and third prizes of Christmas Hampers.** If you have already logged into the parent portal to see if you are eligible you don't need to do anything your name will already be in the prize draw. **Even if you check and you are not eligible you will still be entered into the draw.** **All applications up to 12th December at 12noon will count and the prize draw will be made at the end of the Christmas Play on 12th December (afternoon performance).**

Instructions about how to login to the Parent Portal are on our website in the 'School Meals' section and the School Office can help you if you have any further questions. Good luck and thank you for your continued support.

Graham Almond - Headteacher