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Dear Parents / Carers,

**Did you know...just registering your child for Free School Meals means that the school gets extra money?
Register now to make sure nobody misses out.**

The Government gives money to schools to help children from lower income families and includes children adopted from care, children with Residency Orders and children under Special Guardianship Order. This funding is called, 'Pupil Premium' and should not be confused with Universal Infant Free School Meals, which is the provision of hot meals for children in reception and key stage one.

**For every child registered by October Petworth CofE Primary School receives £1300 from April 2018.
Please register now to make sure we can access this money and further support your child in school.***How does it work?*

1. First, check if you qualify.
2. Registering is really quick and easy – if you think you qualify, you can register online (<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/free-school-meals/free-school-meals-online-application/>). However, please feel free to contact the school for further information as we have paper applications.
3. Your child will get a free hot school meal and the school gets £1300 to use to further enhance all of the children's learning.
4. This money is there to be claimed and the Government are actively promoting families to apply.

Do you qualify?

You can register your child for Free School Meals if you get any of these benefits:

- 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 State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM revenue and Customs) that does not exceed £16 190
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' – the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after that stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Evidence from parents/carers such as the Adoption (court) Order and other court orders

No one will know you have registered and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming. If you have any questions please talk to me about registering your child. This is an entitlement that we do not want our pupils and their families to miss out on.

Yours sincerely,

John Galvin
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