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Dear Parents/Carers

Free School Meals Funding – Are You Entitled?

Can we “Count you in?”

It is great news that all Reception, Year 1 and year 2 pupils now get a free school meal regardless of family income.

However in the past the school was able to get **extra** funding known as the **Pupil Premium** for children who were from low income families and received a free meal. As all infant children now get free meals it makes it much harder to find out which pupils are now eligible for the extra £1300 Pupil Premium funding. If you are from a low income family and qualify for this extra funding it is vital that you apply.

The only way the school can access this extra funding is if you apply. If your child receives the Pupil Premium we will use it to pay for extra teaching support, extra clubs and pay for their school trips.

If you are in receipt of the following benefits you may qualify:

- Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit, but not Working Tax Credit, if your annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs) does not exceed £16,190
- Guarantee element of state pension credit

If you have a child in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and your family income is less than £16,190, please visit Mrs Taylor at the school office where you can speak in confidence, alternatively you can call Cambridgeshire County Council's Education Welfare Benefits team on 01223 703 200 or you can apply online at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals to ensure that we receive the Pupil Premium for your child.

Also, if you have an older child who is not currently having free school meals, but would be eligible, please do apply.

- They do not have to eat a school meal every day – just be registered as eligible
- You can use free school meals just on the days that your child likes the menu, or days you are running low on supplies at home
- Other pupils cannot tell which children get free school meals because of low income

Schools in Cambridgeshire currently receive less money per pupil from the government than any other education authority in Cambridgeshire, so any additional funding is really beneficial to our pupils.

Thank you.



Burwell Village College Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.