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Pupil Premium Funding and Free School Meals

Dear Parent and Carers,

Due to the current climate, many families are finding that their financial situation is changing. If your household income has changed, you may meet the criteria for extra funding through the government called Pupil Premium funding.

One of the support mechanisms of this is that your child/children could receive free school meals and may be eligible for our bespoke Pupil Premium Offer. This offer includes access to books, additional activities, support for school trips and more. The offer is designed to support academic learning, wellbeing and to promote a sense of belonging.

What is Pupil Premium funding?

Pupil Premium funding from the government is given to schools to help pupils reach their full potential, regardless of their background or financial situation. It's provided for pupils who:

- Are registered for free school meals
- Have been registered for free school meals at any point in the past 6 years
- Are, or have been, in care
- Have parents in the armed forces

Is my child eligible for free school meals?

Children of Parents eligible for any of the following benefits in the last six years are entitled to Pupil Premium funding:

- Income Support
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit, with no element of working tax credit, and a household income below £16,190 (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs)
- Working Tax Credit



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- Guarantee Element of the State Pension Credit
- Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month)

How can I apply?

You can apply on-line at <https://www.northnorthants.gov.uk/schools-and-education/free-school-meals-and-pupil-premium>. If your application is successful, this will automatically make you eligible for Pupil Premium funding.

Alternatively, please contact the school office on 01536 512112 and they will support you in processing a claim. If you are unsure, we are also able to run a precheck to help you, please speak to Mrs Herbert for more information.

Many families are often hesitant to make the claim for a variety of reasons, but please rest assured that it is there to support children and provide them with increased opportunities. Children in receipt of this funding are not identifiable to their peers and families are liaised with in a considerate manner.

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Howes

Headteacher