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Pupil Premium Funding and Free School Meals

Dear Parent and Carers,

From this September, there has been an expansion to the entitlement of Free School Meals (FSM). All children in households receiving Universal Credit, regardless of earnings, will now be entitled to them.

Going forward, there will be two types of eligibility:

- **Targeted FSM:** for households in receipt of universal credit earning £7,400 or less (includes free school meals and additional support such as pupil premium).
- **Expanded FSM:** for households in receipt of universal credit earning above £7,400 (free meals only)

If your child is entitled to **Targeted FSM**, the school provides a bespoke offer of additional support, such as with funding for trips, books etc. The offer is designed to support academic learning, wellbeing and promotes a sense of belonging.

What do you need to do?

Based on the new government guidelines above, if you think you are eligible, please follow the link below to apply. You will receive an outcome of eligible-targeted, eligible-expanded or not eligible. If you have already verified your eligibility since July 1st, please disregard this letter.

Applications should be made as soon as possible, so that your child receives the support that they are entitled to, but applications can be made at any point in the year, if circumstances change.

You can apply on-line at <https://www.northnorthants.gov.uk/schools-and-education/free-school-meals-and-pupil-premium>.

If you have any difficulties, please contact the school office on 01536 512112 and they will support you in processing a claim.



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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