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Dear Parents/Carers,

Free School Meals and Pupil Premium

If you think that your child may be entitled to free school meals then they may be eligible to access the Pupil Premium Funding. It is important that you submit an application as soon as possible.

The Pupil Premium is additional funding given to schools by the Government to raise the achievements of pupils.

If your child could claim for free school meals but your child brings a packed lunch to school, it is still important that you apply as this will let us know your child is eligible to receive Pupil Premium Funding.

This also applies to children in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2; you still need to apply for free school meals if you are receiving benefits so that your child can benefit from Pupil Premium funding.

If your child is not registered for Free School Meals and you receive any of the following benefits your child may be able to get free school meals:

- 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 guaranteed 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 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Pupil Premium can be used to help your child with extra support within school, financial help with trips, swimming and the residential trips in Year 4 and Year 6.

Once you have registered, the school will continue to receive this money for six years, as long as the child is at the school, even if your circumstances change and you are no longer eligible for free school meals. This would mean that your child would continue to benefit from the assistance outlined above.

If you think you may be eligible, please apply as soon as possible via <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/social-care-and-supporting-families/free-school-meals> or contact the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Administration