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Dear Parents and Carers

From September 2014 primary schools have a legal duty to offer all pupils in Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 a free school meal called a Universal Infant Free School Meal. This follows a recommendation in the School Food Plan to increase the number of children eating good food in schools.

This should not be confused with registering pupils for Free School Meals/Pupil Premium if you are from a lower income family and receive benefits. The principle of registering these pupils remains the same and attracts additional school funding called Pupil Premium of £1,300 per registered pupil. As this funding is specifically targeted at the registered pupils to raise their attainment, it is essential you register your child. In order to find out if your child qualifies please see the section "Do you qualify" below.

If having read this letter you think your child qualifies please contact the school who will advise the correct procedure for registering.

Do you qualify?

You can register your child for Pupil Premium/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 they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Pupils can also register for Free School Meals if they get any of these benefits themselves. **Come and talk to us if you're not sure.**


How does it work?

1. First, check if you qualify – it is not just if you are unemployed, so please look at the list on the previous page.
2. Registering is really quick and easy – if you think you qualify, contact Mrs Kirk in the school office who will help you to register.
3. If you want your child to have a free, healthy meal at lunchtime that's great – they will get the free meal (saving you more than £400 a year), and the school receives an extra £1,320 Pupil Premium funding to spend on your child.
4. If you don't want your child to have the free school meal they can continue as normal and as long as you register, the school will still get the £1,320 extra Pupil Premium funding for your child.

No one will know you have registered and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming.

Please talk to us about registering your child today.

Yours sincerely,



Richard Jarrett
Headteacher