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Dear Parent/Carer,

Free School Meals / Pupil Premium Grant

Are you entitled to a Free School Meal? Your child could get a Free School Meal if you meet the qualifying benefit criteria. Your child will receive a healthy nutritional meal, and it will not cost you a penny.

Registering for a Free School Meal helps schools identify anyone on low income; the school can then claim additional funding from the government, which can help towards extra computers, books, trips out and staff etc.

Applying is quick and easy, you can apply by clicking on the link below –

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals (You will need your National Insurance Number or Home Office number to hand).

If your child is eligible for Free School Meals we are able claim ‘The Pupil Premium Grant’. This gives schools extra funding to raise the attainment of disadvantaged pupils from reception to year 11. In order to receive this additional funding we are required to provide information to the Department for Education confirming which children meet the government criteria.

If your child is eligible for free school meals or has been in the last 6 years this will generate pupil premium funding for your child’s school. The Pupil Premium Grant is £1320 per child, which would give school funds a very important boost, directly benefiting the children. This will then allow us to provide extra support such as extra tuition, staffing and clubs. Although the school as a whole will benefit from receiving this extra funding, it will also be used to provide targeted support and provision to individual children.

If you qualify for the appropriate benefits but have chosen not to apply for free school meals please do consider applying. **You do not have to take up the free school meal to attract the funding for our school.** Free school meals cannot be backdated so you should only apply if you currently qualify.

If you think you may be entitled please do click on the link above and check if you are eligible.

Yours sincerely,

Helen Turner
Head Teacher