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FREE SCHOOL MEALS ENTITLEMENT / PUPIL PREMIUM

Dear Parents and Carers,

Did you know … just registering your child for Free School Meals (FSM) means that the school gets extra money? Register now to make sure we don't miss out

Many of you may already know that all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 can have a free school meal which is not means tested. This is known as the Universal Free School Meal initiative.
What you may not know however is that the Government gives money to schools to help children from lower income families do their very best. This funding is called the 'Pupil Premium' (PP).

For every child registered as PP, our School receives extra funding EVERY YEAR.

With this money we can provide more interventions to accelerate children's academic progress as well as interventions to develop self-esteem, self-confidence and social emotional skills. The Pupil Premium is a useful addition to school funds and school decides how best to spend it and lets parents and governors know how it has been spent to achieve the best possible outcomes for pupils during their time at the school.

Please register as soon as possible to make sure your child and others in their class don't miss out.

How does it work?

1. First, check if you qualify. Please google '*WMDC Free School Meals'* to see a list of qualifying benefits. If you receive one of them, we would urge you to make a formal application. This will allow school to claim the additional funding.

2. Registering is really quick and easy – you must apply online. Please google '*WMDC Free School Meals'*. Please note that they are no longer taking paper applications. If you need any help applying online, please contact the Free School Meals Team on 01924 (305061) or via email FSM@wakefield.gov.uk.

3. Your child will continue to have a free, healthy meal at lunchtime from Y3 onwards (when Universal Free School Meals entitlement would normally stop) - saving you more than £480 a year and enabling the school to continue to receive extra money.

4. If your child is not in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and you want them to have a free school meal then you **must** register as detailed above.

5. Even if you want your child to bring a packed lunch, please still apply. As long as you qualify and are registered, the school still receives extra money.

No one will know you have registered and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming. If you have any questions or queries please contact the school office.