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Dear Parents,

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We are writing to remind you that if you are what the government terms 'on a low income' your child qualifies for Free School Meals.

The benefits of registering for Free School Meals successfully are that they are entitled to free meals daily which not only saves you money (potentially £400 per year) but by being registered the school is entitled to additional funding is used to support learning opportunities for these children. Some families choose to register and then access meals on certain days each week, or not at all. By being registered we can access the funding

For each child in school that is registered for a free school meal, we get £1320 per child per year, which is spent on broadening and furthering the learning provision for these children. This money is known as Pupil Premium money. The purpose of this money is to ensure that children from low income families are not at a financial disadvantage during their education as a result of home circumstances.

**Am I eligible for Free School Meals / Pupil Premium funding?**

To be eligible parents/guardians will be in receipt of one or more of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seekers' Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are **not** also entitled to Working Tax Credit, and have an annual gross income, of no more than £16,190 as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs<sup>1</sup>
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- All Universal Credit claimants are currently eligible for education benefits'

**How do I apply?**

If you think that you are eligible then check your eligibility and register online at

<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/hants>

Alternatively collect a form to complete and post from reception. You will need the following information :

- Name, home address and an email address
- National Insurance Number or National Asylum Support Service (NASS) Reference Number
- Child's name, date of birth and school they are attending

Kind Regards,

Mrs Sue Saxby, Headteacher



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