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Dear Parent / Carer,

Each year, school receive an allocation for children in receipt of Pupil Premium funding. This is additional funding, provided to children when families are in receipt of any of the following:

- 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 (but not Working Tax Credit) and your annual gross income (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs) is not more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit 'run on' - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit and net earnings, from your last assessment period, is not more than £7,500 per year (£616.67 per month).

When a child receives this funding:

-They are entitled to **free school lunches**, beyond the Universal Free Meals in EYFS and KS1 (so **including junior years**).

-Children are targeted for **additional intervention** (as a direct use of the fund), as needed, to secure the best possible outcomes.

-Residential / certain trip costs are discounted.

At present, we have fewer families accessing Pupil Premium funding than is typical. This means a reduced school budget and fewer interventions taking place in school. **Currently, pupils in reception, year 1 and year 2 are entitled to a free school meal thanks to a different government funding scheme known as universal infant free school meals (UIFSM), not to be confused with free schools meals and the pupil premium.** If your child is in reception, year 1 or year 2 and is eligible for free school meals according to the criteria above, you should still register because we'll receive the extra pupil premium funding.

Does my child have to eat the free school meals?

No. Pupils who are registered for free school meals don't have to eat them. If you're eligible but you want your child to have packed lunches you should still register because the school will receive the funding which can support your child in other ways.

Should you think that you may qualify, please take a look at the link below:

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

Kind Regards,

Mr Mugan

