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Pupil Premium

Dear Parents / Carers,

You may be aware that all schools receive a '**Pupil Premium Grant**' via which schools are allocated additional funding into their school budget. **This premium provides funding specifically for children from low-income families that have registered.** The purpose of this grant is to raise achievement and improve outcomes for these children. In common with most schools, it is likely that a number of parents/carers whose children attend our school fail to claim Free School Meals (FSMs) which is part of the Pupil Premium Grant, even though they are entitled to them.

As the school will receive **additional funding** based on the number of children who receive FSMs, I would ask all parents and carers that if they believe that they may be entitled to claim for their children and do not already do so, to make a claim. As I am sure you will agree, the children at our school can only benefit if we are able to attract additional funding.

If you believe you may be eligible, please speak to Miss Sorrell in the School Office, who will be able to give advice on how to apply for **Free School Meals** (Pupil Premium Funding), or follow the link on the Suffolk County Council website (www.suffolk.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals). This form needs to be completed online but if you do not have access to a computer we will be more than happy to help.

Please see overleaf for criteria.

Ben Jeffery
Headteacher

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Your child might be able to get free school meals if you get 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 (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

Your child might also get free school meals if you get any of these benefits and your child is both:

- younger than the [compulsory age for starting school](#)
- in full-time education

If your child is eligible for free school meals, they'll remain eligible until they finish the phase of schooling (primary or secondary) they're in on 31 March 2022.