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Free School Meal Eligibility

Dear Parent/Carer,

As part of our ongoing commitment to providing the highest quality education and support for all pupils, we would like to make you aware of an important opportunity that could benefit both your child and our school.

From September 2026, changes to government legislation mean that children whose families receive certain benefits may be eligible for Free School Meals. Eligibility includes families receiving:

- Universal Credit
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guaranteed Element of Pension Credit
- Support provided under No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF) arrangements, where applicable

Registering your child for Free School Meals not only ensures that they receive any support to which they are entitled, but it can also provide the school with additional government funding. This funding, known as Pupil Premium, is worth up to £1,320 per year for each eligible child and can be used to enhance educational provision through initiatives such as additional teaching support, targeted interventions, enrichment opportunities, and extracurricular activities.

To determine whether your child is eligible, we kindly ask you to complete the attached form and return it to the school office as soon as possible. Even if your child currently receives a free school meal, it is important that eligible families register so that the school can access this valuable funding.

Thank you for your support in helping us secure additional resources that will benefit our pupils and wider school community.

Yours sincerely,

Geraldine Hampton

Executive Headteacher