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Dear Parent / Carer

Re: Pupil Premium and Free School Meals

If your child is eligible for 'Free School Meals' and you register them for this, we will receive extra funding called 'Pupil Premium'. We use this extra money to improve the educational provision and resources at the school. We appreciate that at this difficult time, **your situation may well have changed** which may result in the school being able to access additional funds. We are actively encouraging all parents to **check the criteria below** and to apply for Free School Meals if your circumstance has changed. Even if your change in circumstance is temporary, the school will be able to provide additional support for your child and family if your application is successful on a long-term basis.

If your child has an existing benefits-related Free School Meals entitlement you do not need to apply again.

What is Pupil Premium funding?

Pupil Premium funding from the government is given to schools to help pupils reach their full potential, regardless of their background or financial situation. It's provided for pupils who:

- Are registered for free school meals
- Have been registered for free school meals at any point in the past 6 years
- Are, or have been, in care

At Devoran School, we get an extra £1,345 for every eligible pupil who is registered for free school meals. This extra money could make a real difference to the quality of education we offer.

For example, we've previously used pupil premium funding for:

- Educational provision/resources;
- Academic interventions;
- Wellbeing and self-esteem building interventions;
- Music lessons;
- Therapy sessions;
- After school clubs;

...to name a few.

Is my child eligible for Free School Meals?

Your child might be eligible if you access:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or 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
- Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month)

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Universal Infant Free School Meals

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). You shouldn't confuse UIFSM with Free School Meals and the Pupil Premium.

However, some children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and receiving Universal Infant Free School Meals may have an underlying entitlement to benefits-related Free School Meals. Schools will make arrangements for these children to continue to receive free meals, either through meals, food parcels, or supermarket vouchers.

Your child may be eligible for benefits-related free school meals if you, or the child themselves in their own right, receives any of the following benefits:

- Income Support (IS)
- Job Seekers' Allowance (Income-Based) and equal based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA-IR) and equal based Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (CTC) with an annual income of less than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Guarantee Element of Pension Credit (GPC)
- Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (IAA) Support
- Universal Credit - Your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get) as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods

If you are claiming the benefits listed below you are **NOT** eligible for free school meals, regardless of what other benefits/credits are being claimed:

- Working Tax Credit
- Contribution-Based Job Seeker's Allowance and/or Contribution-Based Employment and Support Allowance

However, you will be temporarily eligible to claim free school meals if you receive a **Working Tax Credit run-on**, which is the payment you may receive for a further four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.

Children in Year 3 and above

Your child may be eligible for benefits-related free school meals if you, or the child themselves in their own right, receives any of the following benefits:

- Income Support (IS)
- Job Seekers' Allowance (Income-Based) and equal based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA-IR) and equal based Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (CTC) with an annual income of less than £16,190
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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.

How do I register?

You only need to register once at the school.

To register, please go to the following website to fill in a few details:

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/school-meals/application-for-free-school-meals-and-pupil-premium/>

If you would like support in completing the form, the school is very happy to do this alongside you. If you have any questions or specific concerns, please contact me for further information.

Best wishes



Victoria Lock

Headteacher