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Dear parents and carers,

Pupil Premium funding.

Did you know that just registering your child for Free School Meals means that the school gets extra money? The Government is giving money to schools to help children from lower income families do their very best. This funding is called a 'Pupil Premium'. For every child registered St.Peter's Primary School gets £1,320 this year.

Your child will receive free school meals and in addition this money could enable your child to access discounted extra-curricular activities such as football, arts or cookery as well as curriculum enrichment opportunities.

If you are registered for Pupil Premium you could also get help with the cost of school trips and residential trip.

All children in reception, year 1 and year 2 are automatically entitled to a free school meal, regardless of income (Universal Infant Free School Meals), but if you are on one of the benefits shown overleaf then we would ask you to complete the attached form as school will receive the extra funding and we can help in other areas as mentioned above.

How does it work? What do I need to do?

1. First, check if you qualify – it is not just if you are unemployed, so please look at the list on the previous page.
2. Registering is really quick and easy – apply online at <http://myfreeschoolmeals.com> and get an immediate answer. If you are eligible, please complete the attached registration form and return to the school office.
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'Unlocking the gates to a lifelong love of learning and faithfulness'

4. If you have more than one child, you will need to register online for EACH child and include the names of EACH child on the attached registration form.
5. If you don't want your child to have the school meals they can continue as normal – as long as you qualify and are registered, the school still gets £1,320 extra.
6. No one will know you have registered and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming.

Eligibility

You can register your child for Pupil Premium if you get any of these benefits:

- Income support
- Universal credit
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (provided you have a net income of £7400 or less)
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.

These benefits have now been rolled into a single benefit, called Universal Credit

Please note you are not eligible if you are in receipt of Working Tax Credit.

Once Universal Credit is fully rolled out, any existing claimants who no longer meet the eligibility criteria will still qualify for free school meals until the end of their current stage of education (i.e. primary or secondary).

If you have any questions or queries, please contact the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Houghton