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Dear Parent/Carer

One of the recent changes to the funding of schools is that we now receive a grant known as the Pupil Premium. This is paid to the school on the basis of the number of pupils who are registered for Free School Meals. This grant replaces funding received under other headings in the past and is used to provide additional support for pupil welfare related services in the school and for pupils with Special Educational Needs.

Currently the grant is £488 per pupil and we know that this will increase to around £600 next year. It is therefore very much in the pupils' interests that as many pupils who are eligible are registered for Free School Meals as possible.

How does it work?

- 1 First, check if you qualify – it is not just if you are unemployed, so please look at the list on the next page.
- 2 Registering is really quick and easy – if you think you are eligible you should apply to South Gloucestershire County Council using their application form.
- 3 You can download an application form from South Gloucestershire County Council's website or by coming to the Office for a form.
- 4 If you want your child to have a free, healthy meal at lunchtime that's great – they will get the free meal (saving you more than £350 a year), extra benefits and the school gets £488 extra.
- 5 If you do not 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 £488 extra to support our systems for pupil welfare.

Importantly, no one will know you have registered and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming.



Do you qualify?

You can register your child for Free School Meals if you get any of these benefits:

- 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 Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided they 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

If you are eligible, we would really appreciate it if you could register straight away so that this funding is made available to support the pupils in the school.

Yours sincerely

Mrs A Luke
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