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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Pupil premium and free school meals**

**If your child is eligible for ‘free school meals’ and you register them for this, we’ll receive extra funding called ‘pupil premium’.** We use this extra money to improve the educational provision and resources at the school. Your financial circumstances may have changed or you might not have been aware of this school funding. **So, for this school year, if you register and are eligible for this funding, we will also provide you with a £30 voucher to be spent in school on school uniform of your choice.**

### **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
- Have parents in the armed forces

Primary schools get an extra £1,385 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 paying for school trips, residentials, and enrichment clubs e.g. music, judo.

### **Is my child eligible for free school meals?**

Your child might be eligible if you access:

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

Your child might also be eligible if you're in a household with no recourse to public funds (NRPF), subject to a maximum income threshold. This is for children of:

- Zambrano and Chen carers (non-EEA nationals caring for a British citizen residing in the UK)
- British National (Overseas) passport holders
- Spousal visa, work visa, or student visa holders
- Those with no immigration status
- Families with a right to remain in the UK under Article 8 of the European Convention of Human Rights
- Families receiving support under Section 17 of the Children Act 1989 who are subject to a no recourse to public funds restriction
- Certain failed asylum seekers supported under Section 4 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

### **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.

**If your child is in reception, year 1 or year 2 and is eligible for free school meals according to the criteria above, you should still register because we'll receive the extra pupil premium funding.**

### **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 email the office ([office.3250@hendreds.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.3250@hendreds.oxon.sch.uk)) with your full name, date of birth and National Insurance number. This is sent to Oxfordshire County Council. We will then update you when we are informed if you meet the threshold.

### **More information**

For more information about pupil premium go to our website (School information page), which contains details of how the pupil premium has been spent and how it will be spent this year.

If you have any questions or specific concerns, please contact the school office or Mrs Rees.

Regards,



Mrs Lisa Rees