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Dear Parent /Carer,

Free School Meals and Pupil Premium

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.

What is pupil premium funding?

The government provides schools with additional funding to support or enhance the learning of pupils who:

- Are registered for free school meals
- Have been registered for free school meals previously
- Are, or have been, in care
- Have parents in the armed forces

The additional funding received through the Pupil Premium grant can help fund valuable support including extra tuition, additional support staff or providing after school activities. Pupils do not have to register for pupil premium funding – they just have to make an application for free school meals, students then attract pupil premium funding for their school. You may be worried that your child will receive unwanted attention because they receive free school meals. However, please be assured that the information will remain confidential and the procedure for obtaining their dinner will be exactly the same as those who pay for their meals.

In previous years we have used pupil premium to provide:

- School Equipment;
- Revision guides;
- Educational Trips;
- Reward trips;
- Transport costs for event;
- One to one tuition.

Is my child eligible for free school meals?

If you are in receipt of the following support payments, your child will be entitled to receive free school meals:

- Universal Credit – from 1 April 2018 provided you have an annual **net** earned income of no more than £7,400
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Support under part 6 of the [Immigration and Asylum Act 1999](#)
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC), that does not exceed £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (the payment someone receives for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

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 need to register on the Luton Borough Councils website at https://m.luton.gov.uk/Page/Show/Education_and_learning/Pages/Free-school-meals. You and the school will be notified of your eligibility status. The system is quick and simple to use and can be accessed via a smart phone or smart device.

You only need to apply once as applications are rechecked on regularly to capture changes in circumstances. If you need support with your application, please email your child's house leader

Yours sincerely



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