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Dear Parent/Carer,

Pupil Premium and Free School Meals

If your child is eligible for 'free school meals' and you register them for this, Stopsley High School will 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?

Pupil Premium funding from the Government is given the 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

At Stopsley High School we get an extra £935 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:

- School equipment
- School uniform
- Revision guides
- Educational trips
- Reward trips
- Transport costs for events
- One to one tuition

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- 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 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 - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

- Universal Credit - if you applied on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Does my child have to eat the free school meals?

No. Students 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?

To register, please complete online at:

www.luton.gov.uk In the Education and learning section under Free School Meals

https://www.luton.gov.uk/Education_and_learning/Pages/Free-school-meals.aspx

Those websites should help answer any queries you may have but if you are still unsure after visiting them please do contact the school to see if we can help.

Receiving all the funding they are eligible for would be of real benefit to our students and I hope you are able to take the time to apply if relevant.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs K Johns
Headteacher