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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Dear Parent/Carer,

Free School Meals Funding

The Government is currently allocating additional funding to schools in the form of Pupil Premium which our School receives for children who are registered as **eligible** for free school meals.

In order for free school meals to be provided for your child, and also for our School to receive this additional funding, you will need to be eligible for a free school meal as long as you are in receipt of one of the payments below:

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 apply 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)

This funding is **not** automatic; it has to be applied for in order for us to receive the money, and for your child to receive a free school meal, **EVEN IF YOUR CHILD IS AN INFANT CHILD.**

If you meet any of the criteria, please apply via the Knowsley Borough Council website at: <https://parentportal.knowsley.gov.uk/web/portal/pages/fsmapplication#h1>

Universal Free School Meals

Children attending School in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, will be entitled to free schools meals, regardless of income or eligibility for support, however **if you meet the criteria as detailed above it is important that you still apply as this will generate additional income for your child to access additional provision.**

If you are already in receipt of free school meals for one of your children and you have a child in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, who is receiving the Universal Free School meal please **register as detailed above as this will then trigger additional funds** to our School to provide your child with extra support, part funded trips and visits along with lot of other provision we could make.

It really is **very important** that you let us know if you are unsure or want help with the application. We do not want your child, to be missing funds that we need to have maximum impact and ensure that your child has every advantage for an outstanding education.

Thank you for your support.
Yours sincerely

Mrs O Coleman
Head Teacher

