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### Pupil Premium

Dear Parents and Carers,

Can you help the school to access additional funds to support your child's education?

You may know that the government has made changes to the way that PRIMARY schools are funded. They now award a 'Pupil Premium', allocating additional funding to schools based on the numbers of students on roll who are eligible for free school meals. **£1,345 is currently allocated to pupil premium children.**

For us as a school, it is crucial that we access any additional funding to supplement our budget for the benefit of our pupils who are entitled to pupil premium funding. This funding supports additional staffing, interventions, educational resources and educational visits.

For this reason, we would ask that you look at the criteria below and see whether you are **currently eligible for free school meals**. If you are but you have not yet accessed the service, successfully completing the application process will immediately entitle your child to a healthy, hot meal every day.

Applications can be made in several minutes using this link:

<https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/schoolmeals>

**Even if your child currently receives the Universal Infant Free School Meal entitlement (Foundation Stage, Year 1 and Year 2) you are still entitled to apply for pupil premium if you fulfil any of the criteria below.**

*Who is Eligible For Free School Meals?*

Free school meals are a statutory benefit. This means that if you qualify you have a legal right to free school meals for your child or children. 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 are 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)

If your child is eligible for free school meals, they'll remain eligible until they finish the phase of schooling (primary or secondary) they're in on 31 March 2022.

If you would like further information, please search 'free school meals' at [www.sheffield.gov.uk](http://www.sheffield.gov.uk)

Kind regards

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