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Dear Parents,

Re: IMPORTANT MESSAGE CONCERNING FREE SCHOOL MEALS PUPIL PREMIUM FUNDING

We'd like to remind parents that if your child qualifies as living in a family 'on a lower income' (see over for more details), the school receives additional funding called Pupil Premium. This extra funding is given to all schools to ensure children from lower income families are not disadvantaged in their education. However, extra funding in any school will always benefit all of the pupils in some way. We have successfully used this additional funding in the last 4 years in a variety of ways. Our [Pupil Premium](#) page on the website gives more information about how we use the funding. **Each newly registered free school meals child from 7th December 2017 will receive a £50 book voucher to encourage reading for pleasure at home.**

Since the introduction of universal free school meals for all children in YR-Y2 in 2014, the amount of funding we have received has decreased, as fewer children have qualified by registering for free school meals due to their family economic situation (this is the measure used for funding).

To encourage more families who qualify, to register their child(ren) for free school meals, (note though, that this is different to 'universal infant free school meals' which all children in YR, Y1 and Y2 receive); we have decided to increase the amount of 'visible' benefits and increase the focus on supporting learning at home, as well as school. There will be a new incentive for newly registered free school meals children as well as increased resources to support learning at home.

Every free school meals registered child (not including universal free school meals) will receive a set of books (fiction and non-fiction) to support their reading at home, early in every new calendar year.

As well as the new resources to support home learning, we will continue to offer both the additional support in school (when required) as well as reduced costs on many school activities (music lessons, swimming lessons, trips and school uniform). Please see overleaf for more details.

If you'd like further information or would like to apply for free school meals, our admin staff will be only too happy to give you a form to complete to check eligibility. Alternatively, please find a copy attached.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Cannings
Headteacher



**Do you qualify for (means tested) Free School Meals?
If you are currently getting any one of the following, the answer is YES**

- 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 Guarantee element of State Pension Credit.
- Child Tax Credit provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,105.
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.

Year Group:	Free School Meals eligible children:
All Year Groups	Trips 50% reduction in cost. Tablet Loan Scheme. Regular Forest School sessions.
Reception	First set of uniform supplied free of charge (includes sweatshirt, PE T-Shirt and book bag). Extended loan of full set of reading books to develop understanding of phonics and early reading skills. Annual book package to support reading for pleasure (fiction & non-fiction). Pack of Numicon tiles 1-10 to help your child to develop early number skills provided free.
Key Stage 1	Free set of flashcards and other resources to help children to improve their phonic and independent reading skills (Year 1 only) Annual book package to support reading for pleasure (fiction & non-fiction). Resources to support home learning.
Key Stage 2	Annual book package to support reading for pleasure (fiction & non-fiction). Swimming Lessons subsidised. Music Lessons 70% reduction in cost. Free SAT Revision Guides (Year 6 only) Y6 Residential Trip 50% reduction in cost. Free School Meals

