LEIGH

Primary School

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Apply for Free School Meals and additional funding for schools

Dear Parent/Carer,

Your child may be eligible for funding **in addition** to free school meals which the school can use to provide further support. Regardless of your child's age, please read the information below to ascertain if you are eligible, what it means and for information on how to make an application.

Reception class, Year 1, and Year 2

All children starting school in the reception class, Year 1, or Year 2 will get a free meal at school regardless of income. However, even if your child is in one of these year groups we still need you to apply for free meals if you are receiving benefits. This will allow your school to claim important extra funding that will benefit your child.
Schools get extra funding, known as the 'Pupil Premium', for every child registered as eligible for a free school meal if their parents are receiving benefits. Schools use this money for activities such as art therapy, booster classes, educational trips, increased support in class and after school clubs.

KS2 classes from years 3 to 6

Parents of children in KS2 in Kent will have to pay for school meals, unless they are receiving benefits.

Is your child eligible for additional funding?

To qualify, your child must be in school, and you must be receiving one of the following means of support:

- **Income support**
- Income based **Job Seekers Allowance**
- Income related **Employment and Support Allowance**
- **NASS support** under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Guarantee element of **State Pension**
- **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** for the four weeks after employment ends
- **Universal Credit,** provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400

How to apply

Use the link below to apply and confirm your child's eligibility for free school meals.
You only need to apply once for each child. If you are not eligible now we ask you to continue to check your details for future entitlement against information held by the Department for Education.

https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/free-school-meals

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and consider if your child is entitled to further funding and supporting the school. If you have any queries regarding Pupil Premium funding please do not hesitate to contact me directly; any conversations will be conducted in the strictest of confidence.

Kind Regards,

Jenna Halfhide
Headteacher of Leigh Primary School