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Pupil Premium Funding

Dear Parents and Carers,

Is your family in receipt of any benefit? Are you a single parent? Are you and/or your partner not working at the moment or working reduced hours? If the answer to any of these questions is yes, your child might be entitled to Pupil Premium funding.

Pupil Premium is funding allocated to schools for the purpose of boosting the attainment of pupils from low-income families. It is intended to enable schools to provide targeted support to help children reach their full potential. Funding is allocated for children who are Looked after by the Local Authority (CLA) and for every child who is registered for Free School Meals.

Children in EYFS and Key Stage One are entitled to FREE school meals and FREE milk, however your child may also be eligible for Pupil Premium Funding which school can use to provide extra support in school, it will also mean that your child will still continue to receive FREE milk after they have turned five, and you will be eligible to discount on school activities and trip.

How is this funding used at Parkland?

At Parkland, Pupil Premium funding is used to provide training for staff to ensure that they can deliver quality first teaching, targeted support and focused intervention to support closing the attainment gap and wider strategies including breakfast and pastoral provision to support the health and wellbeing of our pupils.

Who is eligible for Free School Meals?

Children are eligible to receive free school meals if their parents receive any of the following benefits:

- Income support (IS)
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJA)
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA(IR))
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs) that does not exceed £16,190.
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit.
- Children who receive Income Support or Income Based Job Seekers Allowance in their own right are also entitled to receive free school meals.
- Universal Credit

Please note that Pupil Premium funding is additional funding that parents must register for.

For schools to receive this funding, a child must be entitled to Free School Meals or has previously been receiving Free School Meals. In Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, all pupils receive universal free school meals. This is not the same as Free School Meals, therefore, **if you are on any of the benefits identified above, even if your child does not want to have a hot meal each day and has a packed lunch, it is important that you apply for Pupil Premium funding** so that your child can benefit as it not only provides pupils with a school meal but supports your child's learning.

ASSESSMENT FOR FUNDING IS VERY SIMPLE if you are claiming any of the above benefits, please call Leicestershire County Hall on (0116) 305 5417 or apply on-line by clicking on the following link:

<https://leicestershire.cloud.servelec.synergy.com/Synergy/Enquiries/Citizen/FreeSchoolMeals.aspx>

There are NO FORMS to complete ALL you need is your National Insurance Number to hand, and you will be informed of your eligibility immediately.

Please inform the school office of the outcome of the telephone conversation. If you are eligible the relevant department will liaise with the school and the funding will be put in place.

Pupil Premium Funding enables the school to purchase resources for your child that would not otherwise be available. It is therefore important that you register, if eligible, as soon as possible.

If you have any additional questions relating to Pupil Premium, please contact the school office.

Kind regards



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