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Dear Parents/Carers,

As you may be aware, under the Nationwide Scheme 'Universal Infant Free School Meals', all children in Foundation 2, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to receive a free school meal regardless of income or eligibility for benefits.

However, if you receive what the government terms as "a low income", your child also qualifies to be on our Free School Meal Register (which is completely separate to being eligible to a free meal under the Universal Infant Free School Meal Scheme). When a student is on our Free School Meals Register, the school receives extra money for that student which has to be spent only on the education of free school meals students. This extra money is called the Pupil Premium and its purpose is to ensure that children from low income families are not at a financial disadvantage during their education as a result of home circumstances. **Children on the Register also qualify to receive free school milk.**

In order for the school to receive the Pupil Premium funding a Parent/Guardian must be claiming one of the following benefits:

- * Income Support
- * Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- * Guaranteed Pension Credit
- * Child Tax Credit with a total annual taxable income of less than £16,190 and are not receiving Working Tax Credit
- * Have successfully obtained asylum status
- * People who claim income related Employment and Support Allowance
- * Universal Credit, depending on how much you receive if you or your partner is working

If you believe your child qualifies to be on our Free School Meal Register, I urge you to apply online at

www.wirral.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/funding-and-financial-support/free-school-meals-pupil-premium

so that we do not miss out on the funding. Please note, however, that a positive response online is only an indication of eligibility for free school meals – no award exists until processed and confirmed by the Free School Meals Team.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Harris in the school office.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J Morris
Headteacher