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**IS YOUR CHILD MISSING OUT ON £1,300 PER YEAR IN PUPIL PREMIUM FUNDING?**

Dear Parents / Carers

The Pupil Premium is a government initiative that provides us as a school with additional funding (about £1300 per year for 6 years) for every child who has been able to prove they qualify for it. The funding is targeted at pupils who are from households where families are claiming or could claim free school meals, families who have a parent in the armed forces or those who are in care. The school has to prove to OFSTED that the money brought into school for that child is being spent to improve their education. We have used this in lots of ways in the past couple of years to help the learning of our children who receive this funding. Some of the things we have done have been to subsidise trips, pay for additional resources (such as our Read, Write Inc. phonics programme) and employ extra staff.

Your child will benefit from this money for 6 years after you have proved you are able to claim whether or not you carry on claiming or even if you don't use the free school meals entitlement at all!

We are currently facing a real problem getting this funding to which some of your children are entitled. Since September 2015 children in key stage 1 have all had a free school meal by right. This has meant that the number of families claiming free school meals has fallen off and we are not able to help your children as much as we would like.

Being able to show that a child is able to claim the funding will bring £7,800 into school over six years. School then has to prove how this has been used to benefit their learning. If you require more information please call into reception.

**To show your child is able to get Pupil Premium funding you need to be in receipt of one of the following benefits:**

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- 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 run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit

As a school we decide the best way to spend the Pupil Premium allocation, and we will be held to account on how we have utilised the funding and the impact it has had. During the last two years we have targeted the additional monies on:-

- Employing additional teaching assistant support in classes
- Training the pastoral team to support pupils with social, emotional and behavioural difficulties
- Developing and resourcing an engaging new curriculum to raise pupil attainment

If you feel you are eligible please complete the attached Free School Meals Application form or if you are not sure whether your child is eligible for Free School Meals or would like more information about how you should go about claiming an entitlement, please contact Mrs Askwith in the School Office or you can apply online at the following website:-

[https://www.rotherham.gov.uk/forms/form/147/en/free\\_school\\_meals\\_application\\_form](https://www.rotherham.gov.uk/forms/form/147/en/free_school_meals_application_form)

Yours faithfully

Mr D Horrigan  
*Executive Principal*

