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Pupil Premium Funding application form

Dear parents and carers,

Please find attached a leaflet explaining about the **Pupil Premium Funding** all schools can receive. I would ask that you please read it and complete the form.

The Pupil Premium fund comes directly from the government for the purpose of ensuring all children succeed and reach their potential regardless of their financial situation. Our website details exactly how this money was spent last year and what we plan to spend it on this year. This money is crucial for us so that we can offer as many opportunities and as much support to our pupils as possible. Please take the time to consider if you are eligible by reading the pamphlet provided. **Due to children in EYFS, Years 1 and 2 receiving free school meals many parents do not think there is a benefit to them filling in the form, however our school can still receive an additional funding per child. This benefits the school enormously, especially when so much of our funding is being continually cut.**

Should you have any questions please feel free to ask me in confidence on verity.carter@georgetomlinson.waltham.sch.uk

Kind regards,

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Which pupils qualify for free school meals?

Your child may be eligible for free school meals if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (as long as you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on
- Universal Credit

In addition, schools must provide free school meals to all pupils in reception,

What are the benefits of claiming free school meals?

School meals are a good way to ensure that your child eats well at lunchtime, and they can also save you time and money. Claiming free school meals also helps the school. We get extra funding, known as the 'pupil premium', for every eligible pupil who is registered.

What is the pupil premium?

The pupil premium grant is funding provided to schools to help all pupils reach their full potential, regardless of their background or financial situation.

Pupils may be eligible if they:

- Are registered for free school meals
- Have been registered for free school meals at any point since May 2011
- Are, or have been, in care
- Have parents in the armed forces

How is the pupil premium funding used?

The pupil premium is not used to pay for school meals. Schools use the funding to improve the attainment of pupils who are eligible.

You will find more information about how we use our pupil premium funding on our website.

How can I ensure the school gets the funding?

The more eligible pupils that are registered for free school meals, the more funding the school receives.

Registering does not mean your child has to take up free school meals if they don't want to.

You should still register for free school meals even if:

- Your child already receives universal infant free school meals
- You would rather your child had a different meal, such as a packed lunch

How to register for free school meals
Fill in the form attached to this letter and either drop it into reception or ask your child to give it to their teacher.
If you need help filling it in please contact