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Dear Parents/Carers of Pupils in reception and Yr1

We have been reviewing our budget for 2016-17, which is proving to be extremely tight, and we have been looking at ways to increase the amount we can spend on supporting your children. As part of our investigations, we looked at the numbers of children who are registered for Pupil Premium, which attracts £1320 per child into the school budget. Obviously, this benefits all children, as registered children release funding which is currently being spent on them from other parts of the budget. The current percentages of children registered in each year group are:

Year Group	% of pupils registered for Pupil Premium
R	8%
1	19%
2	17%
3	22%
4	22%
5	26%
6	21%

It seems highly unlikely that so many fewer families in Year R and Year 1 than in the rest of the school qualify for this additional funding, so we are assuming that some families who do qualify have not completed the paperwork because their children automatically receive free school meals and, therefore, they do not realise what a big difference it would make to the school.

If you receive:

- **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 £16190)**
- **Working Tax credit run-on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit or**
- **Universal Credit**

You may be eligible to apply for free school meals, free milk and free instrumental lessons.

Even if your child does not want to eat school dinners or you are not sure whether or not you may

be eligible, **please apply**. You may also be able to receive help with paying for residential trips, before and after school clubs and holiday activities.

The process is entirely confidential. **In order to encourage parents to register, we offer eligible children a free school jumper or cardigan at the start of every academic year.**

If anyone would like confidential help with the application process, which is quite straightforward, please speak to the School Business Manager. You will need your National Insurance number. If you think you may be able to help the school in this way, please do. Thank you, in anticipation of your support.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher