Dear Parents/Carers,

**Free School Meals and Pupil Premium**

As you may be aware, ‘Free School Meals’ and ‘Pupil Premium’ have been the subject to much media interest over the past few years. National research suggests that there are still thousands of families that are eligible for Free School Meals who do not claim them. Due to this, we are reminding parents of the criteria for claiming Free School Meals according to the Northamptonshire Councils’ (West and North) websites.

You may be entitled to free school meals for your child(ren) if you receive one of the following benefits:

1.Income Support
2.Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
3.Child Tax Credit Only (with income up to £16,190) with no element of Working Tax Credit
4.National Asylum Seekers Support
5.Guarantee Element of the State Pension Credit
6.Employment and Support Allowance
7.Universal Credit (Income Related)

**If your application is successful, your child will automatically be registered as ‘Pupil Premium’ and be allocated additional in-school funding** which we will spend on developing your child academically, socially and emotionally.

Further information, alongside the links to apply, can be found here: <https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/schools-and-education/free-school-meals-and-pupil-premium>. The application outcome will be confirmed instantly and emailed to you with a reference number. The Local Authority aims to notify us within 5 working days for any successfully registered children.

Please contact the school office is we can be of any assistance to you with further details.

Georgie Robinson

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