

3rd July 2020



Farndon Fields
Primary School

Dear Parent/Carers

**Did you know.....by just registering your child for Free School Meals the school is allocated additional government funding called 'Pupil Premium'?
Please register now to make sure we don't miss out.**

The Government awards schools extra Pupil Premium funding based on the number of pupils entitled to receive **free school meals**. Therefore, we need to make sure that all those who are entitled have formally registered. This will enable Farndon Fields Primary School to receive the extra funding during this and for at least the following five years in school.

We appreciate that if your child is in Foundation, Year 1 or Year 2 they will already be able to claim a free school meal under the Government's current Universal Infant Free School Meals scheme. However, by registering your personal free school meal entitlement now, your child's school will receive an extra £1,345 in each of the next six years. This money is used to directly support education by funding vital support to help children reach their potential in reading, writing and maths, the essential basic skills to be successful in life.

Registering your child's personal entitlement to receive a free school meal is quick and easy. It does not commit your child to eating a school meal on any or every day – that remains your choice. Registering entitlement does mean that the school receives as much funding as possible to support your child's education in a range of additional ways including support for paying for school trips and residential visits, after school clubs, uniform costs and vital learning resources to support the curriculum.

By claiming Free School Meals, Farndon Fields Primary School Pupil Premium Funding will give your child the following:

- Maximum of two school jumpers or cardigans, four polo shirts and one PE t-shirt each academic year (parents to purchase and the school will refund once a receipt has been obtained)
- 100% towards your child's school trips, swimming, clubs and our residential trip in Year 6

Your child is entitled to free school meals if you or your partner claims:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of 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 – annual income household income must be less than £7,400 a year

Please see the information leaflet sent with this letter for more information

Ways to apply:

1. Complete the Application Form online www.schoolfoodsupportservice.co.uk
2. Contact School Food Support on 0116 305 5000

Registering your eligibility will only take a few moments of your time but will make a massive difference to the opportunities we can provide and save you vital money too.

Yours sincerely

Mrs N Matthew
Head Teacher