



Dear Parents and Carers,

Your child may be entitled to extra government funding to support their learning.

The government gives schools £1320 for every child who applies and qualifies for Free School Meals. Your child does not have to actually have the free meal, they can still have packed lunch if they prefer. This funding is called 'Pupil Premium'. The school uses this money to provide extra support with learning in the classroom, access to extra-curricular opportunities and emotional support (where necessary). As school budgets are even tighter than ever, we really need those who are eligible to apply for this crucial funding.

If your child is in reception, year 1 and 2, you still need to apply for the funding even though your child is already provided with a free school meal.

To qualify, you need to receive any of these benefits:

- Income support
- Income based Job seekers allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support allowance
- Child Tax Credit (with no working tax credit) and an annual 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 (with no element of working tax credit)
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension credit.

Registering is really quick and easy – either contact the school office for an application form or apply online at:

[West Sussex County Council - Free School Meals/Pupil Premium-Online Application](#)

Please register before **31 December 2017**.

Free School Shoes! – As an incentive, from w/c 27 November 2017, we are offering all parents who apply and qualify for Free School Meals, up to £30 towards new school shoes.

Please contact the School Office once you have received confirmation of your qualifying application if you would like to take up this offer!

If you need help, please speak confidentially to Mrs Webster (Office Manager) or to Ms Strange (Deputy Head).