

June 25th 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian

You may already have heard about the Government initiative, the “Pupil Premium”. This is a grant available for schools, determined by the number of Pupils eligible. If your child has been in receipt of Free School Meals (FSM) within the last 6 years this grant is then offered to the school to support your child’s learning. We are sending this letter to all parents and carers to ask if you would read the criteria below and see if you think your child may be eligible. If your child/children have qualified for Free School Meals over this period - even if you opted out or now no longer qualify – there is information on our school website under the ‘parents’ tab about the criteria for qualification to assist you in the application.

The Pupil Premium is targeted funding; we have to demonstrate to the Government how we use the funding to benefit your child. These may include ( but are not limited to) financial support for trips, revision guides, essential lesson equipment or even extra tuition.

If you are successful in registering for FSM, your child immediately receives the benefit of school dinners, with a wide range of healthy options offered in our canteen. You may have made the decision to provide your child with a packed lunch out of preference. Consider also that if you choose your own packed lunch option then you should still register with the school so that we are in receipt of this grant. **If your child currently receives free school meals as part of their primary school package, but they are about to transition into Year 3, you may still be eligible for this award and I would encourage you to apply.**

Please read the qualifying criteria below to help you determine your child’s eligibility. If you have any questions, contact Jane Manning at [jmanning@bosworthacademy.org.uk](mailto:jmanning@bosworthacademy.org.uk) or at school on ext. 226

### Pupil Premium Entitlement

As from July 2014 the following pupils may be eligible for Pupil Premium funding:

- pupils who are registered for a free school meal
- pupils who have been registered for free school meals at any point in the last six years
- pupils who have been adopted from the English or Welsh care system
- pupils who have been placed on a Special Guardianship Order (SGO) and have been adopted
- pupils who left care under a Residence Order (RO) on or after 14 October 1991
- pupils who have been looked after by the Local Authority continuously for more than six months, children of service personnel.

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- 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 - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals. Your child may also get free school meals if you get any of these benefits and your child is both:

- younger than the compulsory age for starting school
- in full-time education.

If your child is eligible for free school meals, they'll remain eligible until they finish the phase of schooling (primary or secondary) they're in on 31 March 2022.

### **How do I apply?**

User the following website to apply:

<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/social-care-and-supporting-families/free-school-meals>

We will need the following information:

- Your Name & your Date of birth
- National Insurance Number (or registered asylum seekers number)
- Child's details – Name, date of birth and school.

I would like to thank you for your help in ensuring that our Pupil Premium register is accurate and that all eligible students benefit from the additional funding to which they are entitled.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Jane Manning  
Associate Assistant Headteacher