

# Netley Abbey Junior School

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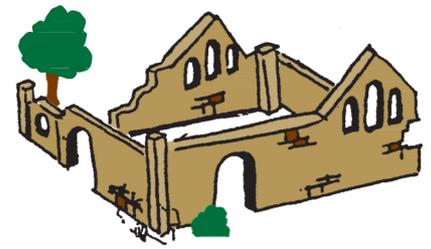
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Dear Parent

## **Free School Meal and Pupil Premium Funding**

We would like to ensure that families on a low income are aware of their full entitlement. The government has legislated that a Free School Meal (FSM) is a statutory benefit available to children from families who receive other qualifying benefits. Pupils do not have to take our meals but, if they are on our free school meals register, they then qualify for other financial benefits throughout the year.

When a child is on our free school meals register, the school receives extra money for that pupil which has to be spent only on the education of free school meals children. This extra money is called the Pupil Premium and its purpose is to ensure that children from low income families are not at a financial disadvantage during their education as a result of home circumstances. It is therefore important that you register if you qualify.

### **How Free School Meals affect Pupil Premium**

In the 2016/17 financial year, schools will receive £1,320 for every primary-aged pupil registered as eligible for free school meals at any point in the last 6 years.

### **Is my child eligible for Pupil Premium?**

In order for the school to receive the Pupil Premium funding a Parent/Carer must be claiming one of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-Related Employment Support Allowance
- Income-Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs, that does not exceed £16,190
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

To apply please visit [www3.hants.gov.uk/caterers/hc3s](http://www3.hants.gov.uk/caterers/hc3s) or request a free school meal application form from the school office. This is an easy process and will not take up much of your time. Likewise, if your circumstances change you must notify the local authority.

Please also remember if you have a child in Key Stage 1 and they receive Infant free school meals, if any of the above criteria applies to you, please make your application as this will benefit the school funding allocation.

If you would like to know how the school has spent our Pupil Premium funding please visit our school website at <http://netleyabbey-jun.hants.sch.uk/statutory-information/pupil-premium/>

Yours sincerely

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