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Dear Parents / Carers,

Your child starting school is an exciting time, but can also put pressure on families financially. If you are on a lower income, in receipt of benefits or have found yourself in challenging financial circumstances, you could be eligible for support through registering for Pupil Premium Funding (PP).

PP Funding is paid directly to the school and allows us to offer financial support to families with subsidised clubs, trips, free milk and other benefits, such as access to resources and additional learning facilities as your child moves through school.

One element which can be costly when your child starts school is uniform. At Wheatfields we are very proud of our uniform, and grateful for the effort that families go to in ensuring their child can feel part of something really special by wearing it. With the support of our Governors, we provide children of families in receipt of PP Funding with a free school uniform allocation*.

Each child in receipt of Pupil Premium Funding is given three polo shirts, two sweaters or cardigans, and one complete P.E. Kit** per academic year (all with the Wheatfields logo). We recognise that this is not all your child will need in an academic year, but we hope it will go some way in helping to relieve some of the financial pressure of purchasing uniform, especially if you have more than one child in school.

In order to claim your free school uniform and access other benefits through PP Funding, your details need to be registered with the Education Welfare Benefits team so that eligibility can be assessed. **We would urge all families to register their details regardless of current income.** To do this, follow the link...

https://cambridgeshire-self.achieveservice.com/service/Apply_for_Education_Welfare_Benefits

You only need to register once and your details will be regularly checked so that, if your circumstances change, even for a short while, you could potentially become eligible. Registration can be done at any point either before your child starts school, or throughout the year.

If you need any support in filling in the form or would like further information, please do come in to speak with a member of the office team.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Emma Verney-Davies
 Headteacher

* School must receive confirmation of Pupil Premium Status before allocation can be claimed. Purchases made before this date will not be included in free allocation.

** P.E. Kit includes t-shirt & sports bag with logo, and navy shorts.

