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Dear Parents & Carers

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Free School Meals & Pupil Premium Grant – We need to know if you are eligible!

We would like to make you aware how important it is for our families to continue to apply for Free School Meals (FSM) and the Pupil Premium Grant (PPG*), even if your child is in EYFS or KS1 and has a daily school meal.

The PPG was introduced with the aim of addressing the gap between the achievements of children. Historically, children who come from families with a lower income *can* go on to achieve less well than their peers. The PPG in 2019-20 is £1,320 for every eligible primary school child. Last year, the School's PPG Funding provided opportunities for children in clubs, group and individual academic and pastoral provision, inclusion workers and extra teacher assistant time for interventions. We also purchased specialist resources for evidence based projects and invested in high quality training.

Children who are entitled to PPG funding receive free milk, a uniform allowance and support towards the cost of school outings and residential trips. We subsidise our extra-curricular activities using PPG and this allows us to offer a rich variety of sports activities and music tuition. We have been able to develop further our Forest Schools provision, made possible using the PPG.

Numbers of pupils eligible for the PPG in our school is lower than average both nationally and for the area, indicating that there are still pupils out there who are eligible but whose families may not have applied – perhaps if your child is in KS1 and already in receipt of a free meal, or you do not think that you meet the thresholds? Whatever the reason, PPG Funding could help towards the cost of school, and we would urge you to apply. If you would like help to fill out the form, please do not feel uncomfortable asking us – there really is no such thing as a daft question! We treat all information you give us in school confidentially and it is shared only on a 'need to know' basis.

Alongside this letter we have provided some information and an application form which we would be grateful to receive back. Please pop in to see myself or Mrs. Moffat if you would like support in filling out the form.

Warm Regards,

Mrs. E Verney-Davies - Deputy Headteacher

** Children who are currently FSM or who have been eligible for FSM in the past 6 years automatically become eligible for PPG funding which remains until they finish primary school.*

