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Dear Parents and Carers,

Previously this year, I have written to inform you about how we can claim Pupil Premium funding for our school. Many children are eligible for Pupil Premium funding and do not claim. For every child that qualifies, we receive an additional £900 to help support their learning. It is my belief that this money should be used in a way that has the biggest impact for all of our children, not just the children who qualify. This year, I have used some of the Pupil Premium money to pay for our Accelerated Reader programme; something that all of our children (and teachers!) are benefitting from. To receive this extra money, you must register your child to receive 'free school meals' (even if they are under 7 and already receive them). If you qualify, you do not have to claim the free school meal, you can still provide a packed lunch for your child if you prefer. Other things that we have spent our Pupil Premium money on this year include:

- Paying for swimming lessons
- Paying for individual music tuition so that a child can learn to play an instrument
- Paying for school trips
- Paying for Class 4 residential trips, such as the trip to Marle Hall

I am asking that you carefully consider your circumstances and that if you think that you may be eligible for Pupil Premium funding, you visit the website below to register. Families who receive the following are eligible for Free School Meals:

- Income Support
- Income-Based Job Seeker's Allowance (JSA)
- Income-Related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit
- Both Income-Based and Contribution-Based JSA/ESA if you receive the same amount for both. You should also qualify if you receive both but the Income-based amount is greater, but not if the contribution-based amount is greater
- Families who are awarded Child Tax Credit and have an annual income, as assessed by HMRC, not in excess of £16,190 are also eligible to claim free school meals providing there is no entitlement to Working Tax Credit (unless in respect of a 4-week 'run-on').

The online checking system only confirms or denies your eligibility to claim free school meals: it does not give us any other information. When your eligibility has been confirmed and your application processed, you will be sent an email confirming eligibility. The school will also receive notification of your child's application. The online checking system will continuously check your eligibility status and inform you and the school of any changes.

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals>



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I cannot stress how important this is for us as a school. We are operating on a very tight budget and strive to make every penny count towards making our school the best it can possibly be. Please consider your circumstances very carefully and if you are willing, please register for this service.

If you wish to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact me at school and I will be happy to help! In order to ensure every parent has read and understood, please complete the slip below and return it to school as soon as possible.

Kind regards,

Miss McNamara

Headteacher

Name of child/children _____

- I/We have received the letter about Pupil Premium Funding.
- I/We are aware that we can claim online if we are eligible.
- We understand how Pupil Premium funding is important to the school so that it can meet the needs of all children.

Signed _____

Date _____