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Dear Parent/Carer

Pupil Premium and Free School Meals

I am writing to you with information about Pupil Premium and Free School Meals (FSM). This information is for families that are on a low income and signposts how you can receive 'free school meals' (FSM). By registering for FSM (please check the FSM eligibility criteria below) your child may be able to receive extra support in school.

Is my child eligible for Free School meals?

Your child might be eligible if you access:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or 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
- Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.66 per month)

Does my child have to eat the free school meals?

No. Pupils who are registered for free school meals do not have to eat them. Pupil Premium funding is for more than the free school meals. It allows additional funding for these students which can be spent in other ways to support them. Therefore, even if you want your child to have packed lunches, there is other reasons to still register for your entitlement.

Pupils are eligible for Service Pupil Premium if they meet one of the following criteria:

- one of their parents is serving in the regular armed forces (including pupils with a parent who is on full commitment as part of the full-time reserve service)
- they have been registered as a 'service child' on a school census in the past 6 years
- one of their parents died while serving in the armed forces and the pupil receives a pension under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme or the War Pensions Scheme
- one of their parents is in the armed forces of another nation and is stationed in England

This extra money could make a real difference to the quality of education we offer. By providing academic and pastoral interventions.



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How do I register?

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You only need to register once. To register, please follow this link to the Isle of Wight Council website <u>Application form for Free School meals and Pupil</u> <u>Premium funding</u>

Below is an example of what the form will look like. Completing it will only take a few minutes. If you would like support to register, we can help. Please contact your child's Head of Year for guidance.

## Young Carers

If your child is registered as a young carer, please could you inform the year office, so that we have this information on our central record system. We hold a regular meeting every first Friday of the month to support those students who are Young Carers.

## More information

For more information about Pupil Premium go to our website which contains details of how the Pupil Premium has been spent in the past academic year and how it will be spent this year.

Yours faithfully

Miss Jones Assistant Headteacher