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Dear Parents/Carers,

Help Us Access Additional Funding for Your Child's Education

We want to ensure that all our pupils receive the best possible support in school. Did you know that your child may be eligible for additional funding through the Pupil Premium? This funding is provided to schools by the government to help support eligible children and improve their educational experiences.

Your child may be eligible for Pupil Premium if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-Based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-Related 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 below £16,190)
- Universal Credit with a household income below £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you receive)
- Even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and already receives free school meals as part of the government's Universal Infant Free School Meals scheme, applying for Pupil Premium means the school receives extra funding to provide further support for your child.

Upcoming Changes to Free School Meals Eligibility:

We also want to inform you about potential upcoming changes to Free School Meals (FSM) eligibility that may affect your family. It is crucial to check your eligibility for FSM before the 31st of March 2025, to ensure your child continues to receive this valuable benefit.

Why is this important?

Currently, any child found eligible for FSM enjoys protected status under transitional protection arrangements, meaning they remain eligible until the end of their current phase of education. However, these protections are due to end on the 1st of April 2025. If protections cease as expected, those found eligible after this date would lose their FSM status immediately upon any change in circumstances.

What you need to do:

1. **Check your eligibility:** We urge you to check your eligibility for Free School Meals on or before the 31st of March 2025. If found eligible, your child could remain eligible until the end of their current phase of education, even if your circumstances change.
2. **Download the application form:** An application form to check your eligibility has been attached to this email. Please complete and bring this form to our school office as soon as possible. A hard copy of this form is available for collection from the school office if requested.

Benefits of Free School Meals:

- **Nutritional support:** Ensures your child receives a healthy meal each school day.
- **Pupil premium funding:** Provides additional funding to the school to support your child's education.

Important notes:

- Schools should not recheck pupils who are already eligible. These pupils will remain protected until the end of their current phase of education.
- New guidance is expected to cover the frequency and expectations around re-checks for those found eligible after April 1, 2025, and the process for removing children who are unprotected in the event of a change in parental circumstances.

Applying is quick and easy, and it can make a real difference to the resources, support, and opportunities we can provide for all our pupils. If you think you might be eligible, please visit Surrey County Council's website [here](#) or contact the school office for more information.

All applications are confidential, and registering will not affect any other benefits you receive.

Thank you for your support in helping us provide the best possible education for your child.

Best regards,

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