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Dear Parent,

Re: Additional funding for your child

Did you know that just registering your child for Free School Meals means that the school gets extra money to support them?

You may be aware of funding that schools receive called the Pupil Premium Grant (PPG). This Grant is used by us to raise the attainment of disadvantaged students **through additional staffing, free small group tuition, free visits to educational establishments, financial support for extra-curricular activities including trips and provision of equipment, including exam revision materials.** In order to receive this additional funding we are required to provide information to the Department for Education confirming which children meet the government criteria.

The Pupil Premium Grant is available to the following children :

- **All children currently eligible for free school meals or have received this within the last 6 years (check the list on the reverse to see whether you can apply)**

If you qualify for the appropriate benefits but have chosen not to apply for free school meals please consider applying. **You do not have to take up the free school meal for us to receive the funding and for your child to benefit from the additional (financial) support on offer at school.**

- **Children that are adopted or leave care under a Special Guardianship Order or a Residence Order**

It is up to those with parental responsibility to decide if they wish the school to know whether their child is adopted, or is under a special guardianship order or residence order.

- **Children who have been looked after for 1 day or more**

Additional pupil premium funding is available to schools for children who have been in care for 1 day or more.

- **Service Premium**

The Service Premium gives schools extra funding to support children and young people with parents in the armed forces. (Check the list on the reverse of this letter to see if you are eligible)

Please help us to maximise the amount of Pupil Premium and Service Premium we can use to support your child by completing the reply slip below if you feel your child meets any of the above criteria. Please do contact us, even if you believe we already have details of your child's eligibility so that we can check that our records are accurate. If you are not currently eligible but your circumstances change, you can let us know at any time. There are staff available at school who can help you complete any necessary forms. All information will be treated with the strictest confidentiality and will not affect any other benefits that you may be claiming.

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Puntis

Sarah Puntis (Vice Principal)

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Free School Meal eligibility criteria:

To be eligible for free school meals you must meet any of the criteria below and have submitted an application for free school meals to the Local Authority Benefits Team.

Your child is eligible for free school meals if you are in receipt of any of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400.
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190

You can find a link to this information here: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/schools-learning-free-school-meals>

Service Premium eligibility criteria:

Students attract the premium if they meet the following criteria:

- One of their parents is serving in the regular armed forces
- One of their parents served in the regular armed forces in the last 3 years
- One of their parents died while serving in the armed forces and the pupil is in receipt of a pension under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme (AFCS) and the War Pensions Scheme (WPS).

Please complete the slip for all children at Devizes School who live with you. Return to Mrs S. Puntis in **confidence** via Reception or via email: spuntis@devizes.wilts.sch.uk .

Name of child(ren):

Tutor Group(s):

Relationship to child(ren):

I would like to find out more about the Pupil Premium Grant or the Service Premium.

I believe that the child(ren) above may be eligible because:

- I currently meet the criteria that entitles me to claim Free School Meals for the child(ren)
- The child(ren) claimed Free School Meals within the last 6 years
- The child(ren) is /are adopted or left care under a Special Guardianship Order or a Residence Order
- The child(ren) is / are currently 'looked after' or in Foster Care
- The child(ren) has / have been 'looked after' / in care for 1 day or more
- The child(ren) meet the 'Service Premium' eligibility criteria
- None of the above

Please contact* me to support me with the application process for Free School Meals.

Signed: (Parent/Carer)

Print name:

Contact number and/ or email address*: