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Dear Parents/Carers,

Did you know... just registering your child free school meals means that Forest and Sandridge Primary School will receive extra funding to enhance your child's education?

You may already have heard about the introduction of the Government initiative, the "Pupil Premium". This is a grant available for schools, determined by the number of pupils eligible.

I am sending this letter to all parents to ask you to read the criteria below and see if you think your child may be eligible. I have also attached a leaflet explaining how children entitled to this grant can be supported by Forest and Sandridge School.

Pupil Premium Entitlement

As from July 2014 the following pupils may be eligible for Pupil Premium funding:

- pupils who are registered for a free school meal
- pupils who have been registered for free school meals at any point in the last six years
- pupils who have been adopted from the English or Welsh care system
- pupils who have been placed on a Special Guardianship Order (SGO) and have been adopted
- children of service personnel.

Pupil Premium Grant is paid directly to schools for all eligible students for every pupil mentioned in the above criteria. Senior leaders at school will then use the funding in a variety of ways to ensure that all identified students in the categories above are well supported to accelerate progress and to maximise attainment. Please see the Pupil Premium strategy on our website for more information.

Free school meal entitlement - What you need to know

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Income Support
<input type="checkbox"/>	income-based Job Seekers Allowance (NOT contribution based JSA)
<input type="checkbox"/>	income-related Employment and Support Allowance (NOT contribution based ESA)
<input type="checkbox"/>	support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 - National Asylum Seekers Support (NASS)
<input type="checkbox"/>	the guarantee element of State Pension Credit
<input type="checkbox"/>	Child Tax Credit (you must NOT be entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190 (April 2012))
<input type="checkbox"/>	Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment you receive for a further four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
<input type="checkbox"/>	Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)

How do I apply?

Register now on

<https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/media/2689/Free-School-Meals-Application/pdf/2018-june-v1-free-school-meals-application-form.pdf?m=637146000727730000>

Alternatively, contact: Mrs Potter in the school office for a registration form or any advice. You will need the following information:

- Your Name
- Your Date of birth
- National Insurance Number (or registered asylum seekers number)
- Child's details – Name, date of birth and school.

If you are successful in registering for Free School Meals, your child immediately receives the benefit of school dinners, whether you chose to take up the meals is up to you. There are a wide range of meal options offered.

If you wish to discuss this further please contact Mr Mead who is our Pupil Premium lead or Simon Lawrence who is our Pupil Premium Governor. Please speak to the office who can give you contact details.

Many thanks for all the ways you support school in ensuring that our children receive the best education possible.

Kind regards,

James Mead

Assistant Headteacher

