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Dear Parents,

Pupil Premium

We are in the process of updating all our 'Pupil Premium' information and wanted to ensure that all eligible children/parents are signed up. Even though **ALL** infant children are part of the "universal free school meal" scheme, **it is still important that if you are entitled to free school meals outside of the universal scheme that you sign up.**

The pupil premium is funding from the Government to help schools raise the attainment of disadvantaged students and close the gap with their peers. The money can be used to fund interventions and support programmes in school, as well as some more individual requests and needs such as financial help with school trips and after school clubs.

Pupil premium funding is paid to schools based on the number of children who:

- Currently receive free school meals (or are eligible and have applied even if they don't actually claim the meals).
- Received free school meals at some point over the past 6 years.
- Have been adopted from care or left care under a special guardianship order after 30 Dec 2005.
- Have parents in the Armed Forces.

If you think you may be eligible for free school meals then PLEASE apply by the 18th January 2022. It is a quick process that can be completed online and the Federation Admin Office can help if you wish to check your eligibility and don't have access to a computer or are unsure of what to do. If you are eligible then both you and the school benefit. Also it may be worth noting that children who are entitled to free school meals have received supermarket vouchers during school holidays since the start of the pandemic.

A child is eligible for free school meals if their parent or carer receives one or more of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- income-based Job Seekers' Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit, and have an annual gross income, of no more than £16,190 as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (Parents who are made redundant or start working less than 16 hours per week, may find their children are entitled to free meals for a limited period.)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

- 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)

To find out if you are eligible please either ring the Federation Admin Office for help with the application or go to the HC3S website and follow the link:

<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/hants>

Similarly, if you have a child that has been adopted from care, then please let the school know as this too would release additional funding. We will need to see supporting evidence such as the Adoption (Court) order. Please be assured that all information received regarding your child will be treated in the strictest confidence.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for taking the time to complete this application.

Kind regards,

Sarah Mathlin
Headteacher