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Dear Parents / Carers

***DID YOU KNOW ... just registering your son/daughter for Free School Meals brings extra cash that may help your son/daughter directly?***

**So ... please help the school help your son/daughter to be successful ...**

***Are you eligible for Free School meals? You may be – check the eligibility list below. If you are – PLEASE REGISTER***

**Why is it important?** Registering for Free School meals is easy, totally confidential and will help us help your son/daughter through extra resources.

And it doesn't mean your son/daughter actually has to have free meals – that's up to you (although we would urge you to think about this seriously).

**How does it work?** If you are eligible and you register, the school is given extra money – it is targeted at helping children achieve their full potential. The more that register, the more money. This is called Pupil Premium and helps us with targeted intervention, one-to-one tutoring, adapting timetables and much more.

**And what else do we do with it?** This year, we are working with parents to:

- Help with the cost of school trips
- Support Music tuition
- Pay for swimming lessons
- Subsidise or meet the cost of after school and out of school activities.

**No one needs to know you have registered; it does not affect any other benefits you may be claiming.**

**What do you do next?**

1. First, check if you qualify – it is not just if you are unemployed, so please look at the list on the next page.
2. Registering is really quick and easy – if you think you qualify, contact our Extended Activities Co-ordinator Mrs Alison Arnold or your child's House Mentor, they can help you to register. They will also be happy to call you back; please call our confidential number on 01934 854064 and speak to Mrs Alison Arnold today.

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**Don't put off Registering. This must be done before ? January 2012. There is a real benefit to you and your son/daughter if you do this.**

## **Do you qualify?**

You can register your child for Free School Meals if you get any of these benefits:

- 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 Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' – the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Pupils can also register for Free School Meals if they get any of these benefits themselves. **Come and talk to us if you're not sure – we can even come to visit you and help you fill in the forms, we are here to help you get the most you can for your child.**

**Please register before Christmas to make sure your child doesn't miss out!**

Yours faithfully

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