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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Pupil Premium Funding and how this could help your child.

You may be aware that the government is currently providing additional funding to schools in the form of 'Pupil Premium'. One of the measures used to calculate this additional funding is the number of pupils at a school who receive Free School Meals (FSM). For every child registered as having a Free School Meal our school gets additional funding of £955.00 per year, which will be used to support your child's learning and improve their school experience.

Pupil Premium funding will be used in the first instance to support the learning needs of the children in receipt of the free school meals who need extra support. However, this provision may also include other children who have been identified as 'vulnerable'.

As I am sure you will agree, the children at our school can only benefit if we are able to attract additional funding. However, many parents that are entitled to claim Free School Meals for their children are not aware of this entitlement. Therefore, I invite all parents to follow the steps below to see if your child is eligible to claim Free School Meals and, if they are, how to claim.

In order to claim Free School Meals a parent/carer must be claiming one of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Job Seeker's Allowance (income-based)
- Employment and Support Allowance (income-related)
- Support under part six of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit - providing you are NOT entitled to Working Tax Credit and your family's annual income (as assessed by HMRC) is not more than £16,190 (as at 6 April 2012)
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment you may receive for a further four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit

There are many benefits of registering for Free School Meals. Your child can have healthy, hot cooked meals worth £475.00 a year. Using the additional pupil premium funding we can help with the cost of trips and activities, as well as funding any additional support your child may need in class. You can apply at any time, regardless of what year group your child is in and you can apply in the future if your circumstances change. Pupil premium funding is extremely beneficial for both the parent and the school. The process of applying is straight forward and completely confidential. The Application Form is available by clicking on this link [application form](#). If you would like to apply, please complete the Application Form and return to the school office or directly to Wiltshire Council.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Mr M Smith on enquiries@sarumacademy.org

Yours sincerely

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