BUSHFIELD ROAD INFANT SCHOOL











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Dear Parents/Carers/Guardians,

Is your child eligible for Pupil Premium Funding?

Currently pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are all entitled to a free school meal, which is paid for by government funding. This provision is called Universal Free School Meals or UFSM.

In addition to this universal funding, parents in low income families or those that are unemployed can also apply for Pupil Premium and their child's school receive extra funding from central government. Schools use this funding to fund valuable support like extra tuition, learning assistants and after school clubs. Children can then also receive free school meals in subsequent school years. (Year 3 and onwards) In addition to the above support, you will also receive a £20 grant to help with the cost of your child's school uniform on your first claim.

For every child registered, Bushfield Road Infant School receives £1,320 per year. This additional funding allows us to provide an even better education for your child through the purchase of additional resources, staff to support learning and curriculum enrichment opportunities.

Are you eligible?

You can register your child for Pupil Premium (and free school meals for Year 3 onwards) if you receive any of these 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 VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on'. (Paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.)

(Unfortunately you are not eligible if you are in receipt of Working Tax Credit.)

No one will know you have registered and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming.

Please bear in mind you may become eligible at any time when your child is of school age if your working circumstances change, for example, if you are made redundant or become a single parent, and you may be able to register your child for Pupil Premium.

If you think you would be eligible for Pupil Premium you can:

- apply online at <u>www.northlincs.gov.uk</u>
- enquire at any Council Local Link Office
- telephone 01724 297217 for a paper form to be posted directly to you.

In addition you can also speak to school office staff or Mrs Hill our Learning Mentor for advice and support.

Even if you don't want your child to have a free school meal and you provide a packed lunch, as long as you qualify and register, school will receive the Pupil Premium funding.

Special Guardianship/Adoption/Armed Forces Service Children

In addition schools also receive Pupil Premium funding for children who have left Care and are Adopted, cared for under a Special Guardianship Order or a Residence Order and for children of Armed Forces Service Personnel. In any of the above cases please contact school directly to register your child. You will need to show evidence and all information will be treated confidentially.

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