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Dear Parents and Carers

Please take the time to read this letter about registering for free school meals/pupil premium. It could really help the school and the opportunities and support we offer your child.

If your child is eligible for free school meals/pupil premium, please register now to ensure your child does not miss out.

#### Reasons for registering – Reception and KS1

- All children in Reception and KS1 receive a universal school meal, irrespective of their personal circumstances. However, if you are in receipt of certain benefits, the school will receive an extra payment from the government which would pay for much needed support for pupils. We cannot stress enough how much this extra funding means to the running of the school and the education we provide.

#### Reasons for registering – KS2

- Your child will have access to a varied menu, providing nutritious food and it represents a saving of almost £400 per year
- In addition, the school receives an extra payment from the government, based on its numbers of Free School Meals Pupils.

#### Does my child have to eat a school meal if I register?

While it is recommended your child eats a school meal, due to the nutritional value it provides, this is optional – we would ask though that you register regardless of whether or not they want a meal so we can receive this funding.

#### What is the Pupil Premium?

We will receive approx. £1300 for every child registered for Free School Meals/pupil premium from the Government, providing us with a very important boost to school funds. This will allow us to provide extra support such as extra tuition, learning assistants or after-school clubs. If you register this year then we will receive the Pupil Premium next year.

#### How will this benefit my child?

Although the school as a whole will benefit from receiving this extra funding, we will use this funding to provide targeted support and provision to individual children who we know will benefit from additional provision.



### How do I know if I qualify?

You will qualify if you are eligible for the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker’s Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (not Working Tax Credit), with an annual income of below £16,190
- Pension Guarantee Credit
- Employment and Support Allowance, income related
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act, 1999
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit

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

### How do I apply?

If your child is in Reception or KS1, please complete the form below so that an application can be made by the school.

If your child is in KS2 please apply via Essex County Council’s website (a link is on the school website/parents/school menu).

Thank you for reading this letter. If you need any confidential advice or have any questions, please speak to the school office or to myself.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs T Chudleigh & Mrs N Coggin  
Heads of School

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### Reception and KS1 reply slip – Pupil Premium

I confirm that I am in receipt of the stated benefits and give permission for the school to use my National Insurance number to apply for pupil premium funding. I understand my NI number will be shared with the local authority to cross-reference the claim. I also understand that this does not affect any other benefits and this information will be kept strictly confidential.

Signed		Name of claimant (Parent/Carer)	
Child’s Name		National Insurance no	
Date			