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Dear Parents and Carers,

**Did you know that you may be able to help increase our school budget?**

**Register now to make sure we don't miss out.**

The Government is giving money to schools to help children from lower income families do their very best. This funding is called a 'Pupil Premium'. If you qualify for the benefits listed later on in this letter, you can help increase our school budget by £1343.00 simply by registering. If your child is in Key Stage 2, this will also enable them to enjoy free school dinners. (All children in Reception and Key Stage 1 already get free school meals).

If you are registered for Free School Meals your child will also get contributions towards school trips, including our residential visits.

**Please register a.s.a.p. to ensure that you and us don't miss out.**

**How does it work?**

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 us in the office for contact names.
3. If you want your child to have a free, healthy meal at lunchtime that's great – they will get the free meal (saving you more than £350 a year), extra benefits and the school gets £970 extra.
4. If you don't want your child to have the school meals they can continue as normal – as long as you qualify and are registered, the school still gets £970 extra.

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

**Please talk to us about registering your child today**

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs S Irwin.

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## **Do you qualify?**

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

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £1,190.
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' – the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.

For more information – visit the website below;

<https://www2.barnsley.gov.uk/services/education-learning-and-childcare/schools-and-colleges/free-school-meals>

The following website gives you information about the current school meal menus

<http://www.barnsleyschoolmeals.co.uk/>

**Come and talk to us if you aren't sure.**