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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 £1320.00 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 £1320.
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 £1320.

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?

Your child will qualify for free school meals if they're in full-time education and you receive one of the following benefits:

- income support
- income based job seekers allowance
- income related employment and support allowance
- guarantee element of state pension credit
- child tax credit with no working tax credit and have an income as assessed by the Inland Revenue that does not exceed £16,190 (subject to change annually)
- support under Part 1V of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- universal credit

Children who receive a qualifying benefit in their own right are also entitled to receive free school meals.

If you have a child starting school and they have a brother or sister attending the same school who already receives free school meals, you don't need to apply. Your child will automatically be given free school meals.

Your child won't qualify for free school meals if you're receiving working tax credits and disabled working tax credits.

<https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/services/children-families-and-education/schools-and-learning/free-school-meals/>

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

<http://www.barnsley-services.co.uk/schools-catering/our-menus/>

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