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Dear Parent/ Carer,

Your child may be eligible for Pupil Premium funding.

Prior to April 2018, children qualified for free school meals – and accordingly pupil premium – if you received any of the following benefits:

- Income support
- Income-based jobseekers' allowance
- Income-related employment and support allowance
- Support under Part IV of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of state pension credit
- Child tax credit, provided that you are not also entitled to working tax credit and have an annual gross income of £16,190 or less

These benefits have now been rolled into a single benefit, called Universal Credit. From April 2018, free school meals and pupil premium will only be allocated to pupils with a family income under £7400 (net) per year.

Or:

- Are either or both parents members of HM Armed Forces or in receipt of a child pension from the Ministry of Defence?
- Has your child been adopted (e.g. from Local Authority Care) or is your child under a special guardianship, child arrangement or a residence order?
- Has your child been looked after by Children's Services for at least 1 day?

Pupil Premium funding is paid to the School by the Government and enables schools to provide extra resources to support the inclusion of all children in school, particularly those children who generate the funding.

The School is held accountable for how the funding is spent.

Each financial year we publish on our website how we have used the funding to effectively support the inclusion of all pupils at Hurst Park. Currently this includes funding for children to be able to access **extra-curricular activities** such as music or sport lessons, or facilitate children's access to **school trips** and **residential**s. It also includes funding for our **Home School Link Worker**, funding for **Inclusion Staff** including our Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSA).



Since September 2014, all children in Reception and Years 1 and 2 have qualified for free school meals, regardless of their family income, but only the children who would qualify for free meals under the above income-based criteria will receive the pupil premium.

If your child qualifies for free school meals, it's important that you tell their school – even if they take a packed lunch – as this enables them to claim pupil premium.

Children in Years 3-6 will also be entitled to free school meals if their parents register for Pupil Premium funding. The School receives the money....but your child does not have to have the free school meal if they do not want to!

If you feel your child is entitled to receive Pupil Premium funding and you have not previously notified us, please contact the school office confidentially on 020 8979 1709. Alternatively, you can come to the school office for a form or contact me directly if you think you may be eligible. **Remember**, it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming, but it will help the school to provide valuable additional resources to help support your child.

Kind regards,

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