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Dear Parents and Carers

Free School Meals and the Pupil Premium – ‘It’s more than a Free School Meal’

You may be aware that the government is currently allocating additional funding to schools in the form of ‘The Pupil Premium’. One of the criteria used to calculate this additional funding is the number of pupils at a school who receive Free School Meals (FSMs). In common with most schools it is likely that a number of parents/carers whose children attend St Nicolas fail to claim FSMs, even though they are entitled to them.

Here at school we will receive additional funding based on the number of children who receive FSMs. I am writing to all parents and carers to ask them, if they believe that they may be entitled to claim FSMs for their children and do not already do so, to make a claim. As I am sure you will agree the children at our school can only benefit if we are able to attract additional funding. Not only that, our Kitchen provided an excellent range of healthy lunch options that are enjoyed daily by a many of our children. Your child may well be able to access these free of charge.

If you are eligible for and claim FSMs, you will also be provided with other services offered by the school, such as:

- **Free access to our daily Breakfast Club.**
- **Free School Milk**
- **An annual £30.00 voucher to purchase items of school uniform.**
- **Financial support for Residential Educational Trips.**

In order to claim FSMs a parent/carer must be claiming one of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Income-Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (but no Working Tax Credit is being received by the claimant or his/her partner and the combined annual income as assessed by HMIR on a TC602 form is not above £16,190)
- The Guaranteed Element of Pension Tax Credit.
- Asylum Seeker under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

If you think that you are eligible to apply for FSMs for your child, please complete the attached form, we make a quick simple check to see if you qualify for entitlement. If you would like to discuss your application please contact Mrs Karen Fleming in the Finance Office. All applications are dealt with confidentially.

Yours sincerely

Mr Richard Furniss
Headteacher



