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Dear Parents and Carers,

You may be aware that the government provides some additional funding to schools in the form of the Pupil Premium Grant (PPG) and the Service Premium (SPP).

PPG funding is allocated to schools based on the number of children they have on roll in the following groups:

- Children who are recorded as eligible for free school meals, or who have been recorded as eligible at any point in the last 6 years (FSM Ever 6). This includes eligible children who have no recourse to public funds (NRPF)
- Previously looked-after children (PLAC): pupils who were looked after by an English or Welsh authority immediately before being adopted, or who left local authority care on a special guardianship order or child arrangements order (previously known as a residence order).

PPG funding is also allocated to local authorities based on the number of looked-after children (LAC) supported by the authority. LAC are defined in the Children Act 1989 as one who in the care of, or provided with accommodation by an English local authority.

The Department of Education introduced the **Service pupil premium** (SPP) in April 2011 in recognition of the specific challenges children from service families face and as part of the commitment to delivering the armed forces covenant. The SPP is additional financial support available to schools to help them provide emotional and social support for those children who meet the eligibility criteria.

Children at our school will benefit if we are able to attract additional funding. Please check whether your child is eligible for additional school funding and let us know if they are.

Am I eligible for 'Free School Meals'?

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

There are many benefits of registering for free school meals. Your child can have a free healthy lunch every day they are at school. Using the additional pupil premium funding, we can help with the cost of trips, activities and residential trips, as well as supporting your child with their learning. You can apply at any time, regardless of what year group your child is in and you can apply in the future if your circumstances change.

Should I apply even if my child doesn't want school dinners?

Yes!

Being eligible for 'Free School Meals' does not mean that your child has to take up school dinners. The option will be there for them to have them for free at any point if you change your mind. The school receives the additional funding whether you and your child choose to take up the free dinners or not.

How do I apply?

Pupil premium funding is extremely beneficial for both the parent and the school. The process of applying is straight-forward and completely confidential. To apply, please visit

<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/hants/>

The application process is quick and we are more than happy to help.

Am I eligible for the Service pupil premium (SPP)?

Pupils are eligible if they meet one of the following criteria:

- one of their parents is serving in the regular armed forces (including pupils with a parent who is on full commitment as part of the full time reserve service)
- they have been registered as a 'service child' on the January school census at any point since 2016,
- one of their parents died whilst serving in the armed forces and the pupil receives a pension under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme or the War Pensions Scheme

Please inform the school if you think your child is eligible for the Service pupil premium.