



IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED

Dear Parents

As you will probably be aware, all children in the Reception classes and in Years 1 and 2 are eligible for free school meals as part of the Universal Infant Free School Meals initiative. Whilst this is a highly worthy initiative that we wholeheartedly support, its introduction in 2014 led to fewer families being identified as eligible for the **Pupil Premium funding** (previously Free School Meal benefit).

If you are in receipt of any of the benefits listed overleaf, we would urge you please to apply for the **Pupil Premium funding**. We have paper application forms available at the school office, but it is much quicker to apply on line at www.cornwall.gov.uk/schoolmeals. The process is very straightforward and you will receive an immediate indication as to your child's entitlement.

Currently, schools receive an additional £1320 per eligible pupil each year. Whilst this is not an individual allowance, schools are duty bound to spend the money in a way which impacts the learning and progress of eligible pupils. **The money is there to be granted but is only released when eligible families apply.** More information about how we have spent the funding is available on our website.

The school also receives extra funding for children if either of the parents are in the forces. If you think this applies to you and we don't know about it, please come in and let us know at the office.

Thank you very much indeed for your support with this important issue.

With best wishes,

Chris Chislett
Headteacher



Qualifying Benefits

Families must be in receipt of one of the benefits listed below to be eligible for Free School Meals / Pupil Premium.

Universal Credit with net ('take-home') income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month)

Income Support

Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance

Income-related Employment and Support Allowance

Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

The guarantee element of Pension Credit

Child Tax Credit, provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190, as assessed by HMRC

Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit