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Dear Parent and Carer

Due to the current economic situation, we are aware that there has been a national increase in families who now qualify for Pupil Premium funding. We would, therefore, encourage you to apply if you believe your child is eligible for this scheme. If you qualify, your child will be entitled to a free school meal every day. In addition to this, you will receive financial support for uniform, revision guides, trips, music lessons, clubs etc.

Eligibility

Your child is eligible for Pupil Premium funding if you are in receipt of one of the following benefits:

- Children in Years 7-11 who have been in receipt of Free School Meals (in the last 6 years).
- Looked After Children (LAC).
- Children adopted from care under the Adoption and Children Act 2002 and children who have left care under a Special Guardianship or Residence Order.
- 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; this is as long as you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and your annual gross income is no more than £16,190.
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' payment (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit).
- Universal Credit: this is as long as your household income is less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get).

Applying for Pupil Premium Funding

To apply for Pupil Premium funding for your child, please click on the link below and follow the instructions.
<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/education-and-training/schools-and-learning/at-school/free-school-meals.aspx>.

Yours sincerely



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