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Dear Parent/Carer,

During the first term of the new academic year, we are required to report details of all children registered as receiving Free School Meals and Pupil Premium funding. We want to make sure that every eligible child is receiving all the support they are entitled to, and therefore ask you to complete the necessary application for Free School Meals if you haven't already.

Free School Meals

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you are in receipt of 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.

Further information can be found at https://go.walsall.gov.uk/free_school_meals, and parents can apply online by using the link <https://go.walsall.gov.uk/forms/Application-for-Free-School-Meals>.

Pupil Premium

Introduced in 2011, the pupil premium is a sum of money given to schools each year by the Government to improve the attainment of disadvantaged children.

The pupil premium is intended to directly benefit the children who are eligible, helping to narrow the gap between them and their classmates. If your child is eligible for Free School Meals, they will automatically be awarded Pupil Premium funding.

Thank you in advance for your support

Yours sincerely

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