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Dear Parents and Carers,

Pupil Premium funding

We are writing to all parents to make you aware of the benefits of pupil premium funding, which the government gives to schools each year. This funding is used to ensure that pupils from families on a low income can be supported to achieve the best quality education, and reach their full potential.
If the school receives funding for your child we can use that money to:

- Halve the cost of school trips
- Give extra help in the class
- Give free school meals

Your child may be eligible for pupil premium funding and free school meals if you are in receipt of one of the following:

- Universal Credit
- Income-Based Jobseekers' Allowance
- Income-Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- State Pension Credit - Income Support
- Working Tax Credit.

If you think that your child may be eligible for this funding (and they are not already in receipt of it) you can see if they are eligible by contacting West Berkshire Council, on 01635 551111 and asking for the Free School Meals department. All they require is the parent's National Insurance number and date of birth.
Pupils also attract Pupil Premium support 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 are a looked after child, or a previously looked after child.
- Supporting with trips costs and extra help in class continues for 6 years.

Please note that pupils who are registered for free school meals do not have to eat them. If you are eligible but you want your child to have packed lunches, you should still register because the school will receive the funding which can support your child in other ways.

If you would like any help looking into this, please speak to Mrs Rogers in the office.

Yours sincerely,

K Flowerdew

Mrs K Flowerdew
Headteacher