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Dear Parents and Carers

Did you know ... just registering your child for Free School Meals means that the school gets extra money?

For every child registered our School gets £1,320 this year and you will receive extra benefits.

Register now to make sure you don't miss out

The Government gives money to schools to help children from lower income families. This funding is called 'Pupil Premium'. For every child registered our School gets £1,320 this year.

With this money we could provide additional small group and one-to-one support so that more of the children who need it will reach their full potential in English, Mathematics and other subjects.

If you are eligible for Free School Meals you will also receive:

- **£100** per school year toward the cost of school uniform (bought at the school shop or externally) and trips
- Subsidised musical instrument lessons (flute, guitar, piano and violin)
- Help with the cost of the Year 6 residential trip

If your child is already receiving Free School Meals you may be sent a letter asking you to provide evidence that you are still eligible. Please return this as soon as possible. It is NOT necessary for you to complete another application form.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are all entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals but would still need to apply for Free School Meals to receive the extra benefits.



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HOW DOES IT WORK?

1. First, check if you qualify – it is not just if you are unemployed, so please look at the list below.
2. Registering is really quick and easy – application forms can be picked up at the school office or you can apply online on the Bournemouth Council Website:
www.bournemouth.gov.uk/childreducation/Schools/FreeSchoolMeals.aspx.
3. If you want your child to have a free, healthy meal at lunchtime, that's great – they will have a free meal (saving you more than £400 a year) as well as extra benefits.
4. If you don't want your child to have the school meals they will still be able to get the extra benefits as long as you are eligible for free school meals.

No one will know you have registered and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming.

Register today to make sure your child and others in their class don't miss out.

Do you qualify?

You can register your child for Free School Meals if you get any of these benefits:

- Income Support
- Income based Job Seeker's Allowance
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Universal Credit
- Support under part V1 of the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit (if you're not entitled to Working Tax credit and have a yearly income of less than £16,190 before tax and any other deductions)
- The Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit

If you would like some help completing the form, just come to the school office where our staff will be happy to help you.

Yours sincerely



Robert Kennedy
Head Teacher