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Dear Families,

Re: Pupil Premium - Free School Meals Funding

During the pandemic some parents received supermarket vouchers during school holidays, if they were in receipt of free school meals (also known as 'pupil premium'). Schools receive funding, each year, in their budget for individual pupils who are eligible for Pupil Premium. This additional amount of money is made available to schools to enhance the learning experience for these pupils. Also it ensures pupils do not miss out on opportunities which might otherwise be difficult to access.

School budgets are becoming increasingly difficult to manage and we rely on parents registering for pupil premium support if eligible. You can apply for this funding, if you or your partner 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 Guarantee element of State Pension Credit

Child Tax Credit - provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income of £16,190 or less

Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Universal Credit - In England, if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get). If your child is currently eligible for free school meals, they'll remain eligible until they finish the phase of schooling (primary or secondary) they're in on 31 March 2022.

It has come to our attention that some children may be entitled to this additional funding however, we need your help? If your child attends Heathfields Infant Academy they will automatically receive a universal free school meal funded by the Government, the infant academy will not receive the additional 'pupil premium' funding unless you have applied for this separately.

Therefore, to check eligibility, you can apply online today: www.staffordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals.

Many thanks in advance for supporting school finances during these challenging times.

Yours sincerely,

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