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Dear Parent/Carer,

Pupil Premium

Pupil premium is a government initiative designed to support the achievement of pupils who either now, or in the last six years, have received Free School Meals. It also provides for children who have been looked after (been in care). Schools can also claim Pupil Premium for children who have been adopted, having previously been in care.

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 can receive a school meal free of charge as a part of a national initiative introduced by the Government in September 2014. Although this has many benefits, it also means that schools don't always know which children would be eligible for Free School Meals due to the benefits accessed by their parents. This is very important information for schools because we receive additional funding per year for each child who is eligible for Free School Meals due to benefits. Please also consider Nursery aged children even though they do not receive school meals.

Pupil Premium money is spent on a range of activities, resources and support within our school to help children make progress. It entitles you to 50% off all school visits, music lessons and breakfast club. More information about this funding and how it is spent can be found on our school website under 'Key information' and 'Pupil Premium'. We would like to ensure that the school has the resources to support your child so if they are adopted or entitled to Free School Meals, please notify us and claim through Leeds City Council. Forms and information on how to apply can be found at www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/Pages/FreeSchoolMeals.aspx.

If you are unsure as to whether you qualify for Free School Meals, Leeds City Council (LCC) has kindly agreed to help us in identifying which children are eligible by using a secure official government website. If you think you meet the eligibility criteria shown below and would rather enquire using this method, please could you provide the following details so that LCC can carry out this check.

Name of child:	Date of birth:
Name of parent:	Date of birth:
National insurance number:	National; Asylum seekers support No.....

You may be eligible if some of the criteria below apply to you.

- *Universal Credit. *Income Support. *The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- *Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance * Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- *Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- *Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income of £16,190 or less, as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs

Your information will only be used for checking your child's eligibility for Free School Meals as described in this letter, and will not be shared with any third party.

We appreciate that sharing such information with us might be sensitive, but should you wish to explore Pupil Premium further please contact the school office and we will endeavour to answer any questions you have. **Any information shared will be treated in the strictest confidence. PLEASE HAND THIS IN WITH YOUR OTHER PAPERWORK WHEN YOUR CHILD STARTS SCHOOL.**

Yours sincerely,

Mrs T Wyatt (Head teacher)

