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Dear Parents and Carers

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

Many of you may already be aware that all children in Upper Foundation, year 1 and year 2 can have a free school meal which is not means tested. What you may not know however is, that the Government is providing funding to schools to help children from lower income families do their very best. This funding is called 'Pupil Premium'.

For every child registered Middlestown Primary Academy gets £1300 per year.

With this money we could provide more interventions to accelerate children's academic progress as well as interventions to develop self-esteem, self-confidence and social emotional skills

Please register as soon as possible to make sure your child and others don't miss out.

How does it work?

1. First, check if you qualify – it is not just if you are unemployed, so please look at the list on the next page.
2. Registering is really quick and easy – if you think you qualify, contact Wakefield Local Authority or the school office who will help you to register.
3. If you want your child to have a free, healthy meal at lunchtime that's great – they will get the free meal (saving you more than £350 a year), extra benefits and the school gets extra money.
4. Even if your child is in reception, year 1 and year 2 and they currently receive a universal free school meal you **must** register with Wakefield Local Authority if you are on any of the benefits listed so that the school will receive the funding.
5. If you don't want your child to have the school meals they can continue as normal – as long as you qualify and are registered, the school still receives the funding.

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

Please talk to us about registering your child today.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS ENTITLEMENT

Do you qualify?

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

- Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, with no Working Tax Credit, and an annual income of no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit 'run –on' – the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Jules Hirst
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