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Dear Parent/Carer,

Pupil Premium

The Government is giving money to schools to help children from lower income families achieve in line with their peers. This funding is called a 'Pupil Premium'. During this academic year, Winter Gardens Academy receives £1,320 for every child registered as Pupil Premium which the school spends specifically on the particular needs of the child. In addition, your child will receive free school meals and free breakfast club for the duration of their time at Winter Gardens. If you register, you can also get help with the cost of school trips.

How does it work? What do I need to do?

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 – apply online at <http://myfreeschoolmeals.com> and get an immediate answer.
3. If you are eligible, please complete the attached form and return to the school office.
4. If you have more than one child, you will need to register online for EACH child and include the names of EACH child on the attached registration form.
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 gets £1,320 extra.
6. No one will know you have registered and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming.

Eligibility

You can register your child for Pupil Premium if you get any of these benefits:

- Income Support eligible if you are in receipt of Working Tax Credit.
- 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 you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £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

Please note you are not eligible if you are in receipt of Working Tax Credit.



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This additional money is available from central government for every child whose parent is receiving one of the welfare benefits listed on the previous page. It is therefore important to sign up for pupil premium, even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, so that Winter Gardens Academy receives as much funding as possible for your child.

How the information on this form will be used

The information you provide on this form will be used by the school to confirm receipt of one of the listed welfare benefits. Once this is confirmed, this helps to decide how much money Winter Gardens Academy will receive each year. You only need to complete this form once and it will last for the duration of your child's time at Winter Gardens Academy (subject to eligibility continuing, this will be checked three times during the school year).

Please register online at <http://myfreeschoolmeals.com> and return the attached registration form to the school office as soon as possible so that it can be processed.

Please contact me if you need help with registering online.

Yours sincerely

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