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**January, 2023**

**Dear Parents / Carers,**

**Re: Pupil Premium and Free School Meals**

**If your child is eligible for 'free school meals' and you register them for this, we will receive extra funding called 'Pupil Premium'. We use this extra money to improve the educational provision and resources at the school.**

**What is Pupil Premium funding?**

Pupil Premium funding from the Government is given to schools to help pupils reach their full potential, regardless of their background or financial situation. It is provided for students who:-

- Are registered for free school meals
- Have been registered for free school meals at any point in the past six years
- Are, or have been, in care
- Have parents in the armed forces.

At Haydon School we could get an extra £985 for every eligible student who is registered for free school meals. These figures are for the 2022/2023 financial year. This extra money could make a real difference to the quality of education we offer.

For example, we have previously used Pupil Premium funding for:-

- Educational provisions/resources
- Academic interventions
- Wellbeing and self-esteem building interventions

**Is my child eligible for free school meals?**

Your child might be eligible if you access:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part V1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (providing you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on
- Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month)



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Your child might also be eligible if you're in a household with no recourse to public funds (NRPF), subject to a maximum income threshold. This is for children of:

- Zambrano and Chen carers (non EEA nationals caring for a British citizen residing in the UK)
- British National (Overseas) passport holders
- Spousal visa, work visa, or student visa holders
- Those with no immigration status
- Families with a right to remain in the UK under Article 8 of the European Convention of Human Rights
- Families receiving support under Section 17 of the Children Act 1989 who are subject to a no recourse to public funds restriction
- Certain failed asylum seekers supported under Section 4 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

**Please note:**

Transitional protections are put in place on an individual child basis, not on a family basis. This means that younger children will not become entitled to free school meals simply because their older sibling is in receipt of transitional protections. The younger child must meet the eligibility criteria at the time the application for free school meals is made, in their new school phase, in order to be entitled to free school meals.

**Does my child have to eat the free school meals?**

No, students who are registered for free school meals do not have to eat them. If you are eligible but you want your child to have packed lunches you should still register because the school will receive the funding which can support your child in other ways.

**How do I register?**

You only need to register once at school.

To register, please visit [www.fsm.lgfl.net](http://www.fsm.lgfl.net) and enter the necessary details.

**Instructions on how to check eligibility from FSM & Pupil Premium**

Parents and carers have two ways in which they could check their eligibility for free school meals.

**Option 1**

Our school can check the eligibility for Free school Meals on behalf of the parent/care. In order for us to do this for you please complete the attached disclaimer form and send it to Miss Warwick via [info@haydonschool.com](mailto:info@haydonschool.com) in box, along with your permission to apply on your behalf.



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### Option 2

Check eligibility yourself by visiting [www.fsm.lgfl.net](http://www.fsm.lgfl.net) and clicking on the 'Check Eligibility' button located at the bottom of the page.

#### Steps:-

1. Click on 'Proceed' button under 'Create a new account'
2. Select 'Hillingdon' under the 'Local Authority' drop down menu
3. Select 'Haydon School' under the 'School' drop down menu
4. Click 'Next'
5. Enter your personal details ensuring all boxes are completed fully and paying particular attention to the Green Area.
6. Press the 'Submit' button and then follow any further instructions.

If you have any questions, or need help with registering please do not hesitate to contact Miss Warwick or email ([pwarwick3.312@lgflmail.org](mailto:pwarwick3.312@lgflmail.org)).

#### More Information

For more information about pupil premium go to our website, which contains details of how the Pupil Premium has been spent on the past academic year and how it will be spent this year.

If you have any questions of specific concerns, please contact me on [jmartin127.312@lgflmail.org](mailto:jmartin127.312@lgflmail.org)

Yours sincerely

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