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"Why does the school keep writing to us about Pupil Premium?"

"Not <u>another</u>
Pupil Premium

letter!"

Dear Parents/Carers,

Yes, it is another plea for your help!

Did you know, for each child registered for Free School Meals means that Petworth CofE Primary School receives £1300 each year Pupil Premium funding?

The Government gives money to schools to help children from lower income families and includes children adopted from care, children with Residency Orders and children under Special Guardianship Order. <u>This funding is called, 'Pupil Premium'</u> and should not be confused with Universal Infant Free School Meals, which is the provision of hot meals for children in reception and key stage one.

"My child is really fussy and doesn't always like the choices." Your child doesn't have to eat the meals. They can still bring packed lunches. We just need you to please register.

Everything is dealt with in strict confidence. Please come and see me and I can reassure you with any concerns or queries you have.

"I don't want people knowing my personal circumstances."

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

If you qualify, in the addition to the extra funding the school receives, your child will benefit from;

- A FREE school meal if they wish
- A FREE school jumper each year
- Financial assistance with other events
- HALF PRICE residential trips

So, do you qualify?

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

- 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 you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM revenue and Customs) that does not exceed £16 190
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after that stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Evidence from parents/carers such as the Adoption (court) Order and other court orders

Registering is really quick and easy

If you think you qualify, you can register online (https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/free-school-meals/free-school-meals-online-application/). However, please feel free to contact the school for further information as we have paper applications.

This is an entitlement that we do not want our pupils and their families to miss out on.

If you have any questions please talk to me about registering your child.

Yours sincerely,

John Galvin Headteacher