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Pupil Premium and free school meals

Dear Parents/Carers,

At The Firs, we want to work with parents / carers to do everything we can to help children learn and make good progress. We want to make sure that our children receive any funding to which they are entitled. This includes Pupil Premium funding.

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's provided for pupils who:

- Are registered for free school meals (not the universal free school meals for all children YR-Y2)
- Are, or have been, in care
- Have parents in the armed forces

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 VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're 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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How do I register?

To register, please:

Visit the Central Bedfordshire website and type '*free school meals*' in the search bar and follow the links.

Alternatively, collect an application form from the school office and once completed, either return it to school or post it along with your evidence directly to:

Central Bedfordshire School Admissions Service.

We would be very happy to help you at the office, to make your application... we don't want any child to miss out on their entitlement.

More information

For more information about pupil premium go to our website, which contains details of how Pupil Premium funding is used to support children at The Firs.

Yours sincerely,



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