

Dear Parents and Carers

Free School Meals and the Pupil Premium

You may be aware that the government is currently allocating additional funding to schools in the form of 'The Pupil Premium'. One of the criteria used to calculate this additional funding is the number of pupils at a school who receive Free School Meals (FSMs). In common with most schools it is likely that a number of parents/carers whose children attend East Borough fail to claim FSMs, even though they are entitled to them.

As the school will receive additional funding based on the number of children who receive FSMs I am writing to all parents and carers to ask them, if they believe that they may be entitled to claim FSMs for their children and do not already do so, to make a claim. As I am sure you will agree the children at our school can only benefit if we are able to attract additional funding. Not only that, our catering team provides an excellent range of healthy lunch options that are enjoyed daily by a significant number of our pupils. Your child may well be able to access these free of charge.

If you are eligible for and claim FSMs, you will also be provided with other services by the school, such as

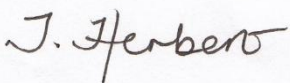
- Financial support for Educational/Residential Trips
- Access to additional support for your child's learning and/or well being
- Extra curricular support where necessary

In order to claim FSMs a parent/carer must be claiming one of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Income-Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (but **no** Working Tax Credit is being received by the claimant or his/her partner **and** the combined annual income is not above £16,190
- Asylum Seeker under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

If you think that you are eligible to apply for FSMs for your child, or if you are not sure, contact the school for further advice or the KCC Assessment Team direct on 01843 866305.

Yours sincerely,



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