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Dear Parent / Guardian

## Help us to help your child do better at school

I am writing to you as a parent or guardian of a child who will now be starting in reception, year 1 or year 2. As I am sure you will know, all pupils in these year groups will be able to receive a school meal at no extra cost. Choosing a school lunch for your child, or children, will save you up to £400 a year regardless of your family income.

While all children in these year groups will be receiving a free school meal, if you are on a low income your school can receive an additional £1,300 Pupil Premium Grant per year to help them help your child to do better at school. In order for the school to claim this funding to support your child, you need to be in receipt of one of the following benefits:

- receiving income support/income based job seekers allowance or income related employment and support allowance;
- entitled to child tax credit but **not** receiving working tax credit and your annual income must be below the threshold set by the government;
- receiving support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999;
- receiving the guaranteed credit element of pension credit;
- entitled to the 4 week run on of working tax credit due to employment ending

If you are on one of these benefits, you can check if your child is eligible for the Pupil Premium Grant by completing the attached form. You can return it to the address at the top of the form, or if you take it to your child's school, they can send it through to the benefits team. You can also apply on-line by visiting [www.eastriding.gov.uk/ppg](http://www.eastriding.gov.uk/ppg). If you prefer, you can telephone the council's benefits team on (01482) 394799 and give them your name and date of birth, your national insurance number and your child's name, date of birth and the school they are, or are going to, attend. Once you have provided this information, you will receive a letter telling you whether or not your child is eligible for the grant. A copy of the letter will be sent to your child's school so that if he or she is eligible they can claim this extra £1,300 directly from the Government.



Kevin Hall Director of Children, Families and Schools

Schools can use this extra funding in different ways and may include employing additional staff to work with an individual child or with children in small groups. It may also pay for particular activities or resources that will benefit the children concerned. If you want to know more, you can contact your child's school and ask to speak to someone about the Pupil Premium Grant.

I encourage you to consider whether or not your child may be eligible for the Pupil Premium Grant, as I am sure you understand that this additional funding can make a real difference to your child's education and progress in school.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Furbank". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M' and a long, sweeping underline.

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