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Dear Parents and Guardians

RE: Pupil Premium

I would like to draw your attention to the available benefits of Free School Meals. A number of our students already enjoy Free School Meals each day. Your child may also qualify if you receive one or more of the following:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- 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 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 - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.

By registering for Free School Meals, if eligible, you will give your child the option to take up a healthy school meal and at the same time help our school to support them in their learning. The Government provides this additional funding to support students from lower income families and we use this money to directly support our students. In addition to a healthy meal, we may be able to offer financial support for various activities and resources including revision materials. A Free School Meals allowance of £1.10 is also available (in addition to the dinner allowance) which can be used to purchase breakfast items before school starts between 8.15am and 8.35am.

It is however, only made available to schools if children are registered for Free School Meals by their parent(s)/carer(s). Eligibility alone does not attract this funding to support students. If you think your daughter/son may be eligible for Free School Meals, please visit the following link to register:

<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/kent/>

Children who are entitled to receive free school meals, can also get free school transport to the nearest grammar school if:

- they have met the admissions criteria of the school
- they have been offered a place at the school
- it's the nearest grammar school to their home
- the distance from their home and the school is between 2 and 15 miles.

If you think your child is eligible and you have not already applied for this, further details and application forms can be found here: <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-transport/free-school-transport#tab-2>

If you have any queries about this or would like to discuss if further, please contact us at the school.

Yours faithfully

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Headteacher