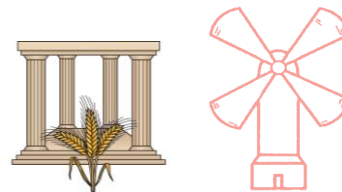


Templefield Lower School

'Inspiring all pupils to love learning, believe in themselves and achieve their best'



7th September 2020

FAO: Reception and KS1 Parents / Carers

Dear Parents / Carers

As you will know, all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal as part of the government's 'Universal Infant Free School Meals' scheme. However, you may not be aware that extra funding, called 'Pupil Premium', is provided to schools for every child registered for free school meals, regardless of the year group they are in.

How will this benefit my child?

For every child registered, we will receive £1,345 from the government, providing us with an important boost to our school budget. This allows us to provide extra support for these children to improve their attainment, as well as assistance with school trips and after-school clubs so they don't miss out on these valuable experiences.

How do I know if I qualify?

You may qualify if you are in receipt of any of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance or Employment and Support Allowance
- The 'Guaranteed' element of the State Pension Credit
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit, and have an annual income or no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on
- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net income of no more than £7,400)

Are there any other benefits?

If your child is registered for free school meals, the school will receive extra funding from the government known as the 'Pupil Premium'. This additional funding helps us provide extra support for your child to improve their attainment, as well as assistance with school trips and after-school clubs so they don't miss out on these valuable experiences.

How do I apply?

If you think you meet the criteria, please call Central Bedfordshire Council on **0300 300 8306**.

Please make sure you have the following information to hand when you call:

- National Insurance numbers and dates of birth for you and your partner
- Dates of birth for your children
- If you receive support from the National Asylum Seekers Support, your NASS number

Once the council have confirmed that you qualify for free school meals, they will notify the school. If you need any confidential advice or have any questions, please contact the school office.

Yours faithfully

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