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Dear Parents and Carers,

## ACCESS TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS FUNDING

The Government is giving money to schools to help children from lower income families do their very best. This funding is called a 'Pupil Premium'.

With this money we are able to provide additional learning as well as social and emotional support (ELSA). If you register for Free School Meals you may also benefit from our remaining Free Time Fund to enable children to access out of school activities.

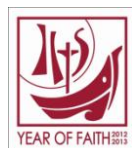
### How does it work?

1. First, check if you qualify - you can register your child for Free School Meals if you get any of these benefits:
  - **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 State Pension Credit**
  - **Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190**
  - **Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit**
2. Registering is really quick and easy – if you think you qualify, contact Mrs Taylor in the office, she will help you to register.
3. If you **do** want your child to have a free, healthy meal at lunchtime (i.e. Roll with various filling options, or sausage roll, cake and fruit) once registered, the school can organise this.
4. If you **do not** want your child to have the school meals they can continue as normal – as long as you qualify and are registered, the school still receive additional funding to support your child's learning.

This information is completely confidential and will not affect any other benefits you are claiming. Please talk to us if you have any queries or would like assistance in registering.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Rita McLoughlin (Headteacher)



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