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Dear Parent / Carer,

Eligibility for Additional Funding- Pupil Premium

I am writing to provide you with updated information about additional funding for your child. At St Thomas More, we want to make sure that we are providing your child with the best education and support we can. Healthy school food has obvious health benefits and can help students to establish healthy habits for life. Healthy school food can also help to improve students' readiness to learn and support them to sustain their focus throughout afternoon lessons. Families who receive certain benefits may be eligible for free school meals. Your child is eligible for free school meals if you're in receipt of one of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400.
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190

Families who are in receipt of one of the benefits above can claim free school meals in school. For those who do not wish to claim for school meals, there is additional funding available for your child to support their education. The government has increased this additional funding for **Pupil Premium to £935 per student which is used to support your child's education**, helping the school to fund valuable support like extra tuition, additional teaching staff or after school activities.





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How does it work?

1. First, check if you qualify – it is not just those who are unemployed, please look at the list on the previous page.
2. Registering is really quick and easy – if you think you qualify, contact the school office and the staff will be very happy to help you register or collect a form to complete at home.
3. Please register if you want your child to have a free, healthy school meal at lunchtime which will save you more than £400 a year; the school will also get £935 extra to support your child's education.
4. If you don't want your child to have school meals, you could still register your child and he/she can continue with packed lunches as usual – but the school will still get £935 extra to support your child.

Please note that this information is managed confidentially and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming.

Please help us to claim the money that the school is entitled to receive to support your child.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr M Rayner
Headteacher

