

## SCHOOL FUNDING - VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION

As you are probably aware from news reports and social media, education is currently facing drastic financial cuts through the introduction of a new funding formula. Schools in the Havant district alone have had their budgets cut by nearly a **million pounds** from April 2017. This means children in this borough are losing out.

Since the introduction of these cuts our school is facing a loss of around £100,000 over a period of 3 years, if we take into account the new compulsory apprenticeship levy that we are also required to pay into. Although we continue to be as creative and careful with our spending as possible there is no way around us having to make staff cuts if these cuts continue.

As a school we will be doing everything we can to ensure that we make our voices heard with regards to this lack of funding, but it is now more important than ever before that we ensure that we receive every last pound we are entitled to so that we can continue with the level of provision we currently provide.

As you are aware all children in infant schools currently receive Universal Infant Free Meal (regardless of income). However, one of the things considered when working out how much funding to give to individual schools is the number of families who, when meals were previously charged for, would still have been entitled to a free school meal. This means it is still **absolutely vital** that parents inform school if they receive one or more of the following benefits so that we can access the appropriate funding ;

- 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 of £16,190 or less.
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.
- Universal Credit - In England, if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get). If your child is currently eligible for free school meals, they'll remain eligible until they finish the phase of schooling (primary or secondary) they're in on 31 March 2022

I cannot emphasise enough the difference that this funding makes to us, ultimately it will affect our staffing, so please, please take the time to let us know, either via the form below or by popping into the office if you feel you would qualify for it.

If, once the information provided has been checked, it is confirmed that your child would qualify for this benefit you will receive a voucher from school that can be spent on a uniform pack containing a school jumper, book bag and PE kit. This can be redeemed at any point in the school year.

I confirm that I am in receipt of benefits which may entitle my child to Free School Meal Funding.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

National Insurance Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

**PUPIL PREMIUM**

**SERVICE PERSONNEL**

Pupil premium is additional funding that is given to school based on parental eligibility.

If you, or your partner, or a previous partner, within the last 5 years have been employed in the armed forces then your child may be eligible for pupil premium funding.

Child's name: ..... Date of Birth: .....

Name of armed forces personnel:

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Relationship to child:

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Service and period of employment:

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**LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN**

If your child has been in Local Authority care at any point, is subject to an Adoption Order, or has been placed with you under Local Authority foster care then your child may be eligible for pupil premium funding. Please provide the school with a copy of your Court Order so that we can apply accordingly.