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Dear parent/carer,

Re: Pupil Premium and Free School Meals

If your child is eligible for 'free school meals' and you register them for these, you will no longer have to pay for school dinners or packed lunches. In addition, schools receive extra funding called 'pupil premium' based on the number of registered pupils who are eligible for free school meals. We use this extra money to improve the educational provision and resources at the school, particularly for students who come from disadvantaged backgrounds.

What is pupil premium funding?

Pupil premium funding from the government is given to schools to help pupils reach their full potential, regardless of their background or financial situation. It's provided for pupils who:

- Are registered for free school meals
- Have been registered for free school meals at any point in the past 6 years
- Are, or have been, in care
- Have parents in the armed forces

At Haggerston School, we get an extra £985 for every eligible pupil who is registered for free school meals. This funding makes a real difference to the quality of education we offer. For example, we have previously used pupil premium funding to:

- buy educational resources, such as literacy software, to support students
- provide academic interventions, such as tuition, to students from Year 7 to Year 11
- fund counselling for students with mental health concern
- deliver study skills programmes
- Increase the capacity of external agencies such as Educational Psychologists, speech therapists, dance companies and dyslexia assessors

Yours sincerely,



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Is my child eligible for free school meals?

Your child might be eligible if you access:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed 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
- Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month)

Your child might also be eligible if you are in a household with no recourse to public funds (NRPF), subject to a maximum income threshold. This is for children of:

- Zambrano and Chen carers (non-EEA nationals caring for a British citizen residing in the UK)
- British National (Overseas) passport holders
- Spousal visa, work visa, or student visa holders
- Those with no immigration status
- Families with a right to remain in the UK under Article 8 of the European Convention of Human Rights
- Families receiving support under Section 17 of the Children Act 1989 who are subject to a no recourse to public funds restriction
- Certain failed asylum seekers supported under Section 4 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

Does my child have to eat the free school meals?

No. Pupils who are registered for free school meals don't have to eat them. If you're eligible but you want your child to have packed lunches you should still register because the school will receive the funding which can support your child in other ways.

How do I register?

You only need to register once at the school. To register, please complete the online form on:

<https://education.hackney.gov.uk/content/apply-free-school-meals>

More information

For more information about pupil premium go to our website, which contains details of how the pupil premium has been spent in the past academic year and how it will be spent this year.

If you have any questions or specific concerns, please contact Students Services: student.dataservices@haggerston.hackney.sch.uk