Dear Parents,

**RE: Claim additional funding for your child’s school**

As you are probably aware, all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are automatically eligible for Universal Free School Meals.  However, some children may be eligible to receive Pupil Premium Free School Meals as an alternative.  We are asking parents and guardians whose income would entitle them to Pupil Premium to contact Cheshire West and Cheshire to make an application.

Pupil Premium is government funding given to your child’s school to spend on resources such as one to one tutoring, music lessons, extra curricular clubs and school trips. From April 2021 the rate was confirmed as **£1320 per primary aged pupil** and is based on children registered for a free school meal, hence the need for your application.

Your child may be entitled to receive Pupil Premium Free School Meals if you are entitled to receive one of the following:

* 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 you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income that does not exceed £16,190.
* Universal Credit (Provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than **£7,400)**

If you think you may be entitled to Pupil Premium, please contact Cheshire West and Cheshire on 0300 123 7039 to make your application over the telephone or alternatively apply online by using the link below.

<https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/education-and-learning/school-meals.aspx> If you have any questions or need further guidance, please send an email to the school office admin@tushingham.cheshire.sch.uk .

Kind regards,

Mrs Davies

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