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Dear Parent /Carer

## Free School Meals / Pupil Premium

Did you know .... Just by registering your child for Free School Meals means that the school gets extra money?  
**Register now to make sure we don't miss out.**

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'. For every child registered, Hinchingbrooke School gets £600 this year.

With this money we could provide more one-to-one tutors, support smaller classes and further improve ICT. If you are registered for Free School Meals you could also get help with school trips, a free uniform and other benefits.

Please register to make sure your child and others in their class do not miss out.

### How does it work?

First, check if you qualify – it is not just if you are unemployed, so please look at the list on the next page

Registering is really quick and easy – if you think you qualify, contact us online at:-

<https://forms.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/customer/servlet/ep.app?ut=X&type=253860>

**Phone:** 0345 045 5200 (General enquiries) Mon to Fri 8am - 6pm and Sat 9am - 1pm (excluding Bank Holidays)

**Fax:** 01480 376748 **Minicom:** 01480 376743

If you want your child to have a free, healthy meal at lunchtime that's great they will get the free meal (saving you more than £350 a year), extra benefits and the school gets £600 extra and with electronic registration no other pupils know

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 gets £600 extra

### Do 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 and 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

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For Further information you can visit :-

<http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/childrenandfamilies/education/secondary/costs/secondaryfreeschoolmeals.htm>

or please call into school's community reception where staff will arrange a copy of the information for you.

Pupils can also register for Free School Meals if they get any of these benefits themselves.

**Come and talk to us if you are not sure. No one will know you have registered and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming**

**Please talk to us about registering your child today.**

Yours faithfully,

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