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Dear Parents and Carers

Did you know ... just registering your child for Free School Meals means that the school gets extra money regardless of which year group they attend?

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 Denbigh Community Primary School gets £488 this year.

- Registering your child as eligible for FSM will bring more money to the school to help your child achieve
- It is confidential and your peers, and your child's peers, will not know they have applied
- Registering for FSM is easy and taking up the meal is recommended but optional

Please register as soon as possible to make sure your child doesn't 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 Student Support on 0191 6432288 who will help you to register.

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 £488 extra.

If you don't 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 £488 extra.

No one will know you have registered and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Louise Guthrie
Headteacher

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 & 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

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