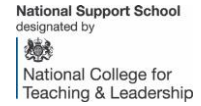




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Thursday 13th October

Dear Parents and Carers,

Free School Meals and Pupil Premium

Funding, known as Pupil Premium, is given to all schools in the form of 'The Pupil Premium'. One of the criteria used to calculate this additional funding is the number of pupils at a school who receive Free School Meals (FSMs).

Your child could be entitled to Pupil Premium. This could mean that we could receive additional funding in school.

The money we receive from Pupil Premium is currently spent on a wide range of areas within school; this includes employing teachers and teaching assistants to work with children in small groups, educational equipment and providing extra tuition. Please refer to our website for more details.

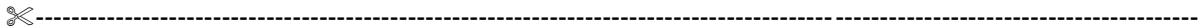
Many parents fail to claim free school meals, even though they are entitled to them. If your child doesn't want the school meal, please still claim as the school will receive the pupil premium money for your child's education. This is absolutely crucial for us to continue to provide the effective support and provision at Newcomen Primary School.

In order to claim Free School Meals (FSMs) a parent/carer must be claiming one of the following benefits:

- **Income Support**
- **Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance**
- **Income-related Employment and Support Allowance**
- **Universal Credit**
- **Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999**
- **The Guarantee element of the State Pension Credit**
- **Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HR 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.**

Mrs Craig will be happy to help with any questions you may have; she has a copy of all relevant paperwork should you wish to complete an application. Alternatively, please complete the slip below and we will be happy to provide you with the relevant paperwork. Please remember for us to continue to offer our current provision, the Pupil Premium allocation of funding is absolutely vital. Thank you so much.

Yours sincerely,
Miss K Pusztai
Headteacher



Please return slip to school office or class teacher

Name of child: _____ Class Teacher: _____

I believe my child/children is/are entitled to Free School Meals (FSM) and I would like the application form.

Signed: _____ (Parent/Guardian) Date: _____



