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Dear Parent/Carer

Below are two very important pieces of information regarding your child's educational support.

Free School Meals

Every child in Key Stage 1 (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) is automatically eligible for free school meals (FSM) because of the government's FSM Initiative. However, in order to continue this into KS2 (Year 3 onwards), a child's parents/carers have to be in receipt of one of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit - your net earned income must be less than £7,400;
- Income Support;
- Job Seeker's Allowance (income based);
- Employment and Support Allowance;
- Child Tax Credit, and have an annual income of less than £16,190 (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs);
- Guarantee Credit element of Pension Credit;
- Support payments under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999;
- Working Tax Credit Run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit).

If you are in receipt of any of the above please follow the following link <http://www.calderdale.gov.uk/advice/benefits/schoolmeals/index.html> to apply online for FSM. Alternatively, you can complete the form (which is attached to this letter with a stamped addressed envelope to the Welfare and Benefits Service at Calderdale Council). This should be done as soon as possible to ensure your child receives all funded support due to them (see Pupil Premium funding below).

Pupil Premium Funding

The following groups of children bring additional funding allocations of up to £2,300 per year to support their learning:

- Children eligible for Free School Meals (see information above for eligibility criteria)
- Children in care
- Children who have a parent in the Armed Forces
- Children adopted from care
- Children under Special Guardianship Order

This additional funding is crucial because it means that we can give your child the very best educational experience and opportunities.

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Please note: If you are eligible for FSM but do not register then your child cannot access pupil premium funding and therefore will not benefit from this additional support in school.

What to do

If you think the above pupil premium criteria could apply to your child, please follow the link below to register for this additional funding:

<http://www.clardale.gov.uk/advice/benefits/schoolmeals/index.html>

Alternatively, you can complete the form (which is attached to this letter with a stamped addressed envelope to the Welfare and Benefits Service at Calderdale Council).

Thank you for your continuing support for the school. If there any issues regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact Miss N Turner.

Yours sincerely



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