Lawley Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

As you may already be aware, the Government provides funding, known as Pupil Premium, to schools to help children from lower income families to achieve as well as they can in school.

Whatever year group your child is in, registering your child for Free School Meals means that the school receives this extra funding.

What to do:
First, check to see if you qualify; the funding is not only for parents who are unemployed, there are a number of ways in which your child might qualify.

Does my child 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 you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190.00
- 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.

Registering is really quick and easy; no one will know you have registered and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming.

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) with the added benefit of the school receiving extra funding. However, if you do not want your child to have the school meals they can continue to bring sandwiches from home. As long as you qualify and are registered, the school still gets the extra funding.

If you think you qualify, or even if you are not sure, please fill in the attached form and return to the school office. We would be more than happy to assist you in completing the form if you would like us too.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs S Knox
Deputy Headteacher