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Dear Parent/Carer

Free School Meals and the Pupil Premium

Could your child be eligible for Free School Meals and receive help with the cost of trips, uniform, clubs and other support within school? If you are in receipt of any of the following benefits then you could be eligible.

- 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 guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018, your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

We can make a simple check to see if you are eligible – all you need to do is complete a short form, which includes some basic information including your National Insurance Number or National Asylum Service Number.

If your child is eligible for Free School Meals, the school will also be given Pupil Premium funding which we can use to cover the cost of items such as uniform and trips. This entitlement will stay in place until the end of their time at primary school.

We have enclosed the application form, which should be completed and returned to the School Office by hand or using the email address below. All applications will be treated confidentially. This information will then be forwarded to Wokingham Borough Council for them to check and confirm or decline eligibility. There is no limit to the number of times that your eligibility can be checked.

If you have any queries please contact Mrs Helen Wilson in the office or email finance@st-nicholas.wokingham.sch.uk

Kind regards

Miss D McGrail
Headteacher