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Dear Parents/Carers

Pupil Premium Grant

Pupil Premium Grant is additional funding from the Government that schools receive to support specific groups of children. Pupil Premium money is allocated to schools based on the number of children who are or have been eligible for free school meals at any point in the last six years. Schools decide how to use this money but the majority is spent on staffing. Also at Cherry Tree eligible families are now able to claim up to £100 per child each year on some costs (e.g. school trips, school clubs, school uniform, outside clubs (brownies, cubs), clothing (coats), music tuition). In addition to this, families with a current entitlement can order free milk for their child/ren and for those in Years 3 to 6, they receive free school meals.

Since September 2014, all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have been entitled to receive a free lunchtime meal. Whilst this new policy has helped to ensure more children eat healthily, it has had a negative impact on the amount of Pupil Premium funding we have been able to claim from the Government. Year on year we are seeing a sharp drop in this funding as a result of fewer families signing up.

Therefore, we are asking **ALL** families (irrespective of their income status) to complete the registration process to find out if they are eligible. This will enable us to support those families that are eligible for additional funding to sign up. This registration process is quick and easy and only has to be done once because if the family is eligible the status remains until the child leaves primary school.

We would be grateful if you would please register on the following website:

<http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals>

During the registration process, you will be asked for your National Insurance Number or Home Office Number.

If you need any help with this, please ask any of the School Office team as they are more than happy to help you complete your registration.

Yours sincerely

Jessie Bruce
Headteacher

