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Dear Parents and Carers

Did you know ... just registering your child for Free School Meals means that your school gets extra money?

Register now to make sure we don't miss out

The Government is giving money to schools to help children from lower income families do their very best. This funding is called a 'Pupil Premium'.

Free School Meals funding entitlement is different and separate to the hot school lunch that is provided to every child in the week, which is called Universal Free School Meal.

For every child registered for Free School Meals at Haddenham Community Infant School the school receives £1300.

With this money we could fund additional resources or 1:1 support for your child. If you are registered for Free School Meals you could also fund school trips or uniform.

Please register before Christmas to make sure your child and others in their class don't miss out.

How does it work?

1. First, check if you qualify - it is not just if you are unemployed, so please look at the list on the next page.
2. Registering is really quick and easy - if you think you qualify, contact Mrs Alleyne or Mrs Lister who will help you to register.
3. 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), extra benefits and the school gets £1300 or £935 extra.
4. If you don't want your child to have the school meals they can continue as normal - as long as you qualify and are registered, the school still gets £1300 or £935 extra.

No one will know you have registered and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming.



Please talk to us about registering your child today.

Do you 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 except if you meet ANY of the following criteria -
 - i) entitled to working tax credit (regardless of income)
 - ii) have an annual income in excess of £16,190 (Please note that this figure is for April 2013 and that it changes in April each year).
- 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.

Come and talk to us if you're not sure.

Yours sincerely,

Lucy McNeil
Headteacher