

Dear Parent / Carer

Important changes to school funding

You may be aware last year the Government introduced the “pupil premium”, a new method of funding schools based on the number of pupils who are entitled to receive a free school meal. Therefore the more pupils who are registered to be entitled to receive a free school meal, the more money our school will receive to raise the standards of education for our pupils.

We understand the application for free school meals is a sensitive matter. At the same time it is important for us to ensure as many pupils as possible are registered. If you think your child may qualify for a free school meal but have not yet registered, could we ask you to seriously consider registering. Children can still bring a packed lunch if that is their preference. Pupils receiving free school meals are not identified within school and all information is treated in the strictest confidence. In addition, if you are registered for free school meals we can apply for a grant to help you pay towards the cost of residential trips.

If you or your partner is receiving one of the following, your child might have the right to a free school meal.

- Income Support
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit and your annual income is below £16,190. But you are **not** entitled to free school meals if you also receive Working Tax Credit.
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.

If you are not sure whether you have the right to free school meals, please contact either the school or DMBC on 01302 735336. Alternatively you can obtain an application form from www.doncaster.gov.uk

If you would like help completing the form please contact the school reception and ask for Mrs. Elsom.

Yours sincerely

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