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Dear Parent/Guardian

In the 2014 to 2015 financial year, primary schools will receive £1,300 for each child registered as eligible for free school meals at any point in the last 6 years and £1,900 for each looked-after pupil who;

- has been looked after for 1 day or more
- was adopted from care on or after 30 December 2005, or left care under a special guardianship order or a residence order.

Park Hall Junior Academy is firmly committed to 'closing the gap' for children and are committed to meeting their pastoral, social and academic needs within the school environment. The Pupil Premium Grant (PPG) forms a vital part of that process in which provision will be made by meeting the needs of the 'whole child' through the school curriculum, the wider curriculum and through necessary interventions and support. The funding is to enable our less advantaged pupils to engage in new activities, interventions and strategies to support their attainment.

<https://www.gov.uk/pupil-premium-information-for-schools-and-alternative-provision-settings> outlines the Government's guidance on this grant.

Principles of funding

- To ensure that the teaching and learning opportunities meet the needs of all of our pupils.
- To ensure that the appropriate provision is made for pupils who belong to vulnerable groups, this includes ensuring the needs of socially disadvantaged pupils are adequately assessed and addressed.
- In making provision for socially disadvantaged pupils, we recognise that not all pupils who receive free school meals will be socially disadvantaged.
- We also recognise that not all pupils who are socially disadvantaged are registered or qualify for free school meals.

**If you are a parent or carer, and receive any of the benefits below,
your child is eligible for Free School Meals and Pupil Premium Grant funding;**

- ? Income Support
- ? Income Based Jobseekers Allowance
- ? Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- ? Child Tax Credit (provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross household income of no more than £16,190)
- ? The Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
- ? Income Related Employment and Support Allowance
- ? Working Tax Credit run on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

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Stepping forward together

Being eligible for free school meals does not mean that you only qualify if your child 'eats the sandwiches!'

There are so many other areas in school that your child can benefit even if they choose not to eat free school meals.

How can I apply?

Through making an application you may enable school to receive extra funding from the Government to use in supporting the teaching and learning of your child and will then be eligible to receive the following resources in school for free:

- Daily Free school meal packed lunch,
- Free milk
- Free fruit
- Free access to homework club provision
- Free sports clubs and extracurricular activities
- Free Music lessons
- Contributions towards trips and visits

If you would like to apply for Free School Meals you can;

- Apply online at a school website at www.parkhalljuniorac.co.uk and click on 'Free School Meal eligibility checker' link2ICTFSM shortcut in the 'Parents' section
- Make an application via www.link2ict.org/FSM
- **Complete form and give permission for school to check on your behalf** (*see attached sheet).

We understand that some parents may not currently be eligible for this funding however by enabling school to input the details on your behalf if your situation may alter in the coming years your child will automatically be entitled for funding.

Any questions or queries please come in and see us or contact school

Your support is greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely

Mrs G Healy
Head Teacher

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