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Dear Parents/Carers,

Pupil Premium – Early Years/ KS1 (Reception – Year 2)

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. The Pupil Premium is an allocation of additional funding provided to schools to support specific groups of children who are vulnerable to possible underachievement. Schools decide how to use their pupil premium allocation, as they are best placed to assess what additional provision should be made for these pupils within their responsibility.

Therefore, we are asking ALL families (irrespective of their income status) to complete a registration process. This should be done whether you wish your child to have a school meal or not. This process will allow us to identify families eligible for additional funding.

It is quick and easy and only needs to be done once until your child goes into year 3. It means we won't miss out on up to £1320 per year, per child, for families that meet the criteria. If you are eligible, you will be able to receive additional support of up to £100 with some school costs (e.g. school uniform, school trips, music tuition, swimming lessons etc.)

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

www.hertsdirect.org/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 contact the school office.

Kind regards,

Mrs Gillian Jackson
Headteacher

