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Dear Parents and Carers

Application for Free School Meals and Pupil Premium

Did you know that just registering your daughter(s) for Free School Meals means that the school gets extra money? What you may not know is that the government is giving money to schools to help children from lower income families do their very best. This funding is called 'Pupil Premium'.

For every child registered, St Edmund's School will receive £935 this year. With this money we could provide additional staffing to accelerate your daughter's, as well as other students', learning. It also goes towards intervention programmes and support throughout the school.

If your application is successful, not only will it mean that your daughter will receive a Free School Meal, but we can also help in other areas. We can:

- pay in full for all curriculum trips in all year groups;
- give a 15% discount for all residential trips;
- provide free revision resources in Years 10 and 11;
- pay in full for any enrichment activities that we normally charge for;
- pay for music lessons run at the school;
- support with school uniform;
- pay in full for Duke of Edinburgh fees and for required equipment.

If you register for Free School Meals (even if your child does not want a school meal), it means that the school will receive the extra funding which will benefit your child.

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

Please turn over for details of how to apply.

HOW TO APPLY

Note: If your daughter is already registered for Free School Meals or Pupil Premium, there is no need for you to re-apply.

1. **First, check if you qualify.** It is not just if you are unemployed; you can register for Free School Meals if you receive *any* of these benefits:

Income Support	Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
Income Related Employment and Support Allowance	Support under Part VI of the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999
Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit	Child Tax Credit without Working Tax Credit, and an annual household income of less than £16,190
Universal Credit	Working Tax Credit 'run-on' – the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

2. **Complete the attached form.** If you are having difficulty completing the form, and would like us to help, please contact the Headteacher's PA by emailing her at office@st-edmunds.eu or telephoning her at school. Even if you are not absolutely sure whether you will be eligible, it is still worth submitting an application. All information you provide is kept confidential, of course.

You do not need to send any evidence of your qualifying benefits with the application.

3. **Return the form to reception at St Edmund's School,** marking the envelope confidential and with the words: **'FSM application - for the attention of Head's PA'**. We will then forward your application on to the local authority.
4. **If you would like to apply online,** please go to: www.wiltshire.gov.uk/schools-learning-free-school-meals where you will find full details and an online application form.

If you have any questions or queries, please contact us.

Yours sincerely



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