



Dear Parents and Carers

PUPIL PREMIUM = £1,455 PER CHILD

I thought I'd write to explain about free school meal arrangements as this is a very important funding source our school receives to support children on free school meals and is worth over £25,000 for this financial year. This funding is not to be confused with the entitlement of a free school meal for all infant school aged children from September 2014 under the Universal Infant Free School Meal scheme.

The name given to the funding we receive for each child receiving a free school meal because their parents are in receipt of certain benefits and fall within the criteria needed to claim free school meals, is Pupil Premium. This is funding given to schools to raise attainment by funding staffing and resources, after-school clubs and school trips **to support these children**. For more information on how we spent last year's pupil premium funding, please visit our website: www.standhillinfants.co.uk under key information, pupil premium link.

Therefore, may we please urge you to ensure that you register your child for free school meals if at any time you are in receipt of one of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earning from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual gross income of no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after the person stops qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

Free school meals for children in all households with no recourse to public funds (NRPF) has been permanently extended subject to maximum income thresholds. More information is available [here](#) for children of those who have no recourse to public funds. Families in these groups cannot apply online and should telephone **0300 500 80 80** to apply.

So please, if you meet the above criteria:

YOU MUST APPLY SO THAT YOUR CHILD WILL BENEFIT FROM THIS FUNDING!!

Yours faithfully

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