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Dear Parent/Carer

Pupil Premium and Free School Meals (FSM)

If your son or daughter is eligible for 'free school meals' and you register them for this, they will be allocated an amount of money each day to spend at the College at break/lunchtime and the College will receive extra funding for them called 'Pupil Premium' funding. The allocation of funds for a school 'meal' is rising in September to £2.50. We use the Pupil Premium money to improve the educational provision and resources at the school.

If you have previously applied for Free School Meals for your child, you do not need to apply again and can disregard this letter.

What is Pupil Premium funding?

Pupil Premium funding is provided by the government to schools to help students reach their full potential, regardless of their background or financial situation. It's provided for pupils who:

- are registered for free school meals
- Have been registered for free school meals at any point in the past 6 years
- are, or have been, in care
- have parents in the armed forces.

For example, we've previously used pupil premium funding to:

- contribute towards trips and educational visits for registered students
- provide academic interventions and mentoring
- help support the provision of equipment or items of uniform
- provide further funding for school meals beyond the amount provided by the government
- contribute towards the cost of music lessons.

Is my child eligible for free school meals?

Your child might be eligible if you access:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on
- Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month).

Does my child have to eat the free school meals?

No. Pupils who are registered for free school meals don't have to eat them. If you're eligible but you want your child to have packed lunches you should still register because the school will then be able to better support your child in other ways.

What happens if I don't use my daily allowance?

It disappears. Any money not spent each day cannot be claimed by the school from the government. It is not possible to 'roll over' the amount.

Will my child be made to feel different?

No. The money for lunches is added to our cashless catering system automatically, similar to using Ipay Impact. Where funding will be used to provide activities or equipment, this will be done discreetly.

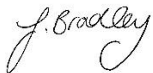
How do I register?

You only need to register for Free School Meals once, if you have previously applied for your son or daughter, you do not need to apply again.

To register, please follow this link: [North Yorkshire County Council FSM Application](#)

If you have any further questions or specific concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school office on 01947 602856.

Yours sincerely,



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