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Dear Parents / Carers

Re: Free School Meals

You may be aware that the government allocate additional money to schools to help children from lower income families do their very best. This funding is called '*pupil premium*'.

**FOR EVERY CHILD REGISTERED WITH US, FOREST HILL SCHOOL WILL RECEIVE
AN ADDITIONAL £900 OF FUNDING**

With this money we could purchase additional resources to support the boys' learning. Additionally, if your son is registered for Free School Meals he may also be eligible for some financial support in the Sixth Form.

Please give serious consideration to this if you feel you may be eligible and register as soon as possible.

How does it work?

First, check if you qualify – it is not just if you are unemployed but also if you get any of these benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seekers' Allowance
- Income related Employment Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credits with no entitlement to Working Tax Credits and an annual income below £16,190
- Guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

Registering is really quick and easy – if you think you qualify you may apply in one of three ways:-

- Online at www.lewisham.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals
- Telephone – parent helpline number 020 8314 6221 (10am to 4pm)
- Post – forms can be requested from school or Access Points across the borough of Lewisham

Most applications do not require proof of benefits. No one will know you have registered and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming and entitled to.

Registering for Free School Meals will ensure your son has a healthy FREE meal at lunchtime saving you £400 a year. Even if he does not want the meal, the school resources will benefit from an additional £900 per year for as long as you qualify and are registered.

There is nothing to lose and much to gain. If you think you may be eligible please register as soon as possible to make sure your son and others don't miss out.

Yours sincerely

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