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Dear Parent / Carer,

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PUPIL PREMIUM AND FREE SCHOOL MEALS

You may be aware that the government pays 'The Pupil Premium Grant' where schools are allocated additional funding. **This grant provides funding specifically for children from eligible families.** The purpose is to raise achievement and improve outcomes for these children. The Pupil Premium Grant currently stands at £935 per eligible pupil in years 7 to 11 and £1320 per eligible primary pupil.

As a school, we will receive the **additional funding** based on the number of children who receive Free School Meals. I am writing again to all parents and carers to ask them, if they believe that they may be entitled to claim for their children and, if they do not already do so, to make a claim. You can even apply for free school meals if your child chooses packed lunches or is currently in receipt of free meals up to year 2. The free-school-meals claim will ensure that the pupil premium fund comes to the school. As I am sure you will agree, the children at our school can benefit even more if we are able to attract additional funding. Not only that, our catering team provides an excellent range of healthy lunch options that are enjoyed daily by a significant number of our pupils and staff. Your child may well be able to access these meals free of any charge.

At Lonsdale we use the additional funding in a number of ways, whilst ensuring it is carefully targeted for all those eligible children in order to help them achieve their potential both, academically and socially. If you think that your income is low and/or you receive any of the benefits listed below, then please speak to our Admin staff in the School Office who will be able to **advise you on how to apply for Free School Meals** (Pupil Premium Funding) or visit our school website www.lonsdale.herts.sch.uk and then go to 'Parents - School Dinners- Free School Meals'.

- Income support
- Income-Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit with an annual income of less than £16,190 before tax or less
- Working tax credit during the 4 week run-on period
- Income- Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
- Support under Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (Part VI)

For further details and information about the Pupil Premium Grant and how we use it, please visit our website under the 'About Us – School Reports' tab.

Please advise the school as soon as you have made a successful claim so that we can start claiming the additional funding for your son/daughter without delay.

Kind regards,

Claudia Thiele
Deputy Headteacher