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Dear Parent/Guardian

**FREE SCHOOL MEALS**

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**£450 of school lunches for your child**  
**£935 of extra money to help us support your child**

The Government allocates additional funding to schools and academies to help children from lower income families do their very best. This funding is called the 'Pupil Premium'.

**Each year we receive in the region of £100,000.**

This money helps to support a variety of interventions including specialist pathways, homework support, as well as individual or small group support such as subject tutoring and mentoring, help with funding of enrichment activities, personal learning materials or resources. Simply by registering for Free School meals will enable us to provide services such as these which your child can access if they need to.

**Please register as soon as possible to ensure your child does not miss out.**

- First, check if you qualify – it is not just if you are unemployed, so please look at the list below.
- Registering is really quick and easy – contact [meroffice@maidenerleghschool.co.uk](mailto:meroffice@maidenerleghschool.co.uk) or the School Office on 0118 9668065 who will help you register.
- If you want your child to have a free, healthy meal at lunchtime that's great – they will get the free meal, extra benefits and the school gets £900 extra.
- If you don't want your child to have the school meals they don't have to but as long as you qualify and are registered, the school still gets £900.

**Do you qualify?**

**You can register your child for Free School Meals if you get any of these benefits:**

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Students can also register for Free School Meals if they get any of these benefits themselves.

**Please talk to us about registering your child today. No one will know you have registered and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming.**

Yours sincerely

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