

Friday 29th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Re: Application for Free School Meals and Pupil Premium

We know that the circumstances of lots of our families have changed over the last few years due to COVID and the cost of living crisis. Your child could be eligible for Pupil Premium and Free School Meals.

The Government continues to give money to schools to help children from lower income families. This funding is called 'Pupil Premium'. For every child registered, Beaver Road Primary School will receive a maximum of £1455 – A breakdown of how this is spent can be found here: Beaver Road Pupil Premium Strategy Statement 2022-2023.

#### **Our Pupil Premium Promise:**

At present, all children who currently receive Free School Meals are entitled to:

- An individualised tracking system (tracking academic and enrichment activities)
- Priority access to all school led clubs, including multi-sports, free of charge.
- Reduced music lessons for one musical instrument within an academic year £4.50 Per Lesson, Reduced From £9.
- Free school trips and planned workshops throughout the year.
- The cost of residential trips reduced by half in Years 3, 4 & 5.
- A fully funded place for the Year 6 residential trip to Ghyll Head.

You may already be aware that all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are automatically entitled to a free school meal, regardless of income (Universal Infant Free School Meals). However, if you are on one of the benefits shown overleaf, we would still encourage you to apply to ensure your child benefits from the Pupil Premium funding and School Promise whilst in these year groups. Those children who apply and qualify for FSM in Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 are eligible to claim one free school jumper or book bag, redeemable only once. You can do this by following the link overleaf.

More information on Pupil Premium and how to apply can be found on our <u>school website</u>. Alternatively, please speak to our Pupil Premium Lead, Stephanie Reding.

Yours Sincerely,

Stephanie Reding

**Assistant Head of School and Pupil Premium Lead** 











### FREE SCHOOL MEALS/ PUPIL PREMIUM ENTITLEMENT

## Do you qualify?

Your child may qualify if you have any of these incomes:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- The guaranteed part of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (as long as your annual gross income is £16,190 or less and you don't get Working Tax Credit)
- Working Tax Credit run-off after you come off Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit that you applied for on, or after, 1 April 2018. As long as your household income is less than £7,400 a year after tax, not including any benefits

# Please visit the website below to apply:

https://secure.manchester.gov.uk/info/500186/education\_benefits/7355/free\_school\_meals

(No one will know you have registered and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming. If you have any questions or queries, please contact the school office.)