



EVINGTON VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Caring and Learning Together

September 2018

Dear Parent / Carer

Pupil Premium (PP) is additional funding that is given to schools if a child's parent or carer meets certain eligibility criteria. Any parent/carers who registers their child for free school meals could raise an extra £1,320 for the school, to fund improving quality first teaching, and targeted support including interventions.

The Earnings and Benefits Criteria are:

The parent must be claiming one of the following benefits:

- Income support
- Income-based jobseeker's allowance
- Income-related employment and support allowance
- National asylum seeker support
- 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)
- The guaranteed element of state pension credit
- Working tax credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for working tax credit.
- Universal credit with annual net earned income of less than £7,400

In order for the school to access PP funding, parents/carers are required to either apply online at <https://freeschoolmeals.leicester.gov.uk/> or call 0116 454 1009 (make sure you have your national insurance number when you call). This additional money is available from central government for every child whose parent is receiving one of the welfare benefits listed above. **It is therefore important to sign up for free school meals, even if your child is in reception (F2), Year 1 or Year 2, so that the school receives as much funding as possible. Please note, your child doesn't have to have a hot dinner in school for you to apply.**

The school will be holding two drop-in sessions where Mrs Sarang (Attendance & Welfare Officer) and Miss Ahern (Business Manager) will be available to process applications online and answer any questions you may have. The sessions will take place on **Monday 10th September 2018** in the Main Hall at 8.45am – 9.15am and 3.00pm – 3.30pm.

If you feel that you may meet the eligibility criteria, we would ask that you please either:

- complete the form online at <https://freeschoolmeals.leicester.gov.uk/>

or

- call the FSM team on 0116 454 1009 (make sure you have your national insurance number when you call)

or

- come in to one of the drop-in sessions on Monday 10th September where school staff will assist you to complete the form online (make sure you have your national insurance number).

Yours sincerely

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