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Dear Parents,

With continued increases to the cost of living, parents' financial positions may have changed. Even if you haven't qualified for free school meals previously, you may do now. If you have had any drop in income, existing and new families, we encourage you to contact South Gloucestershire Council to see if you qualify for free school meals.

For every child who claims Free School Meals, the school receives £1320 per year as part of the 'Pupil Premium' scheme. This could help pay for extra teaching resources, buying in extra teachers, mentoring for **your child, music lessons**. If you claim for Free School Meals at any point in your child's education, the funding remains with them for 6 years regardless of whether you continue to receive free school meals. This means that your child could be entitled to £7920 over that period.

Signing up for free school meals does not mean your child has to have school meals every day. Children on free school meals **can still** choose to have packed lunches brought from home every day, or can choose to have a school meal only on days when they like the menu choices.

To receive this support for your child and our school you have to apply even if your child is receiving an INFANT FREE SCHOOL MEAL.

To apply simply call the following number:

Telephone 01454 868008 and give the following information:

Parent/carer details

- Name
- Date of birth
- National Insurance Number

Child's details

- Name
- Date of birth
- School name you are applying for free school meals

Or follow this link:

<http://www.southglos.gov.uk/advice-and-benefits/benefits/free-school-meals/>

The rest is done for you. If you would like help in applying for this funding, please come into the Office and we will be able to help you.

Apply for free school meals – it will mean extra cash for your child and our school.

Yours sincerely

Kirsty Robson
Headteacher

Peter Hitchman
Chair of Governors

