



7th September 2016

Dear Parent/Carers,

**Did you know.....by just registering your child for Free School Meals the school is allocated additional government funding called 'Pupil Premium'?
Please register now to make sure we don't miss out.**

The Government awards schools extra Pupil Premium funding based on the number of pupils entitled to receive free school meals. Therefore, we need to make sure that all those who are entitled have formally registered. This will enable Greystoke Primary School to receive the extra funding during this and for at least the following five years in school.

We appreciate that if your child is in Foundation, Year 1 or Year 2 they will already be able to claim a free school meal under the Government's current Universal Infant Free School Meals scheme. However, by registering your personal free school meal entitlement now, your child's school will receive an extra £1,320 in each of the next six years! This money is used to directly support education by funding vital support to help children reach their potential in reading, writing and maths, the essential basic skills to support successful in life! The additional funding is also used by school to help families pay for additional costs such as school trips, after school clubs and uniform costs.

Registering your child's personal entitlement to receive a free school meal is quick and easy. It does not commit him/her to eating a school meal on any or every day – that remains your choice. Registering entitlement does mean that the school receives as much funding as possible to support your child's education in a range of additional ways including support for paying for school day and residential visits, after school clubs, uniform costs and vital learning resources to support the curriculum.

Your child is entitled to free school meals if you or your partner claim either:

- 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 of £16,190 or less, as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs

Ways to apply:

1. Complete the booking form attached and email to freeschoolmeals@leics.gov.uk
2. Complete the booking form and post it to School Food Support Service, Room 400, County Hall, Glenfield, Leicestershire, LE3 8RB
3. Contact School Food Support on 0116 3056588 or 0116 3057093

Registering your eligibility will only take a few moments of your time but will make a massive difference to the opportunities we can provide for (insert name of your school here) children as well as saving you vital money too.

Yours sincerely

Mrs M Thornton
Head teacher

Attached – Free School Meals application form.