

# King Edwin Primary School

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Dear Parents / Carers,

## **We need your help! Our children are losing out!**

In September of every year, we are approached by parents in Year 3 or 4 regarding free school meal provision. This is often down to the fact that in Foundation through to Year 2, all children receive the free school meals provision without having to apply.

Strangely, the government allocate additional pupil premium money for schools based on a census taken in January. This often means schools lose out on valuable funding due to timing and the confusion around applying for free school meals.

**We need your help!** We simply need to ensure that any parent of an eligible child in Foundation, Year 1 or Year 2 applies for their child to access free school meals as soon as possible (by Wednesday!). This will mean that children are correctly added to the census; they will then be eligible for free milk and also the school will receive extra funding later in the year. We can then appropriately allocate funds to support our children and give them the very best opportunities at KEPS.

The funding is used in school in a variety of ways. It is used to support additional learning, to support music tuition, help with paying for trips and residential visits and to support eligible children to access extra-curricular clubs and other experiences. We also offer support with uniform and breakfast club provision.

Nationally it is estimated that over 200,000 children are missing out on the extra support that they are eligible for simply because a parent has not completed the relevant forms or in deed a family believe that their child doesn't need the support. From our schools perspective this simply limits the opportunities of a child and we are really keen to break this perception.

The school can qualify for Pupil Premium Funding for your child if you receive one of the following:

1. Income Support
2. Income based Job Seekers Allowance
3. Income related Employment and Support Allowance
4. Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit
5. Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
6. Child Tax Credit with an annual income of less than £16190 and not in receipt of Working Tax credit
7. Working Tax Credit Run-On (the payment you receive for further weeks after you stop qualifying for WTC)

If you believe your child may qualify for this support in school, please call 0300 500 80 80 and ask to speak to the Free School Meals Team.

## **Pupil premium funding will still continue to be paid to support your child for a further 6 years.**

If you have any questions about Pupil Premium and how we use this funding, or would like more information, please contact Lesley in the school office. We will of course communicate with you in the strictest of confidence.

Kind Regards  
Mr Callaghan-Wetton