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To: Parents of Pupils in Reception - Year 2

Dear Parents

Free School Meals and Pupil Premium

All children receive a free lunch at school if they're in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2. This is called Universal Free School Meals.

HJPS receives extra funding to help your child if you are in receipt any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (as long as you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and you don't get more than £16,190 a year)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit (with annual earned income of no more than £7,400 after tax and not including any benefits you get).

This money is known as the Pupil Premium and is additional government funding given to publicly funded schools to raise the attainment of disadvantaged pupils. Nationally, disadvantaged pupils, on average, under-achieve compared to their peers. The aim of the Pupil Premium is to provide extra support and resources for these children, with the aim of closing the achievement gap. This Premium will continue to be paid for 6 years from the date of your application acceptance.

If you think your child may be eligible for pupil premium funding please visit

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/at-school/free-school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx>

It only takes 5 minutes and in most cases they can tell you straight away if your child is eligible. Have your National Insurance number or Home Office number to hand when you apply.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Rita Alak-Levi
Headteacher

