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Dear Parent/Carer,

Extra funding to support your child – Pupil Premium

As you are aware, your child has benefited from additional government funding called the Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) during their time at Pre-School.

This funding has been used to support your child's learning and development. Examples of some of the ways we have used the funding include the provision of football coaching, dancing sessions, story sacks to share at home and additional resources of interest to your child.

Now that your child will be moving onto Reception class there may be an opportunity for Silsoe Lower School to also provide additional support to your family through additional government funding called the **Pupil Premium**.

There are many ways this funding can be used to help your child once they start school including providing you with financial assistance to pay for school trips, school uniform, swimming, free milk and also a free school meal.

Are you eligible for the Pupil Premium?

If you are in receipt of any of the following benefits, you may be eligible for the Pupil Premium:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part IV of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit, and your annual gross income does not exceed £16,190 as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit (during the initial roll-out of this benefit)

The same criteria will also be used to determine whether your child will qualify for a free school meal in years 3 and 4.

How to apply for the Pupil Premium?

If you think you are eligible please call Central Bedfordshire Council on **0300 300 830**, advise them that you have a child starting Reception class in September and that you may be eligible for the Pupil Premium. Please have the following information ready to share with them:





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- National Insurance numbers and dates of birth for you and your partner
 - dates of birth for your children
 - if you receive support from the National Asylum Support Service, your NASS number

The information you provide will only be used to increase the school's funding for your child and will remain confidential.

This funding is important to support your child and I would strongly urge you to apply if you believe you are eligible.

If you need any further help or information please call the School office on 01525 860247

Yours faithfully

Mrs J Gidley
School Office & Finance Manager