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Dear Parent/Carer

Free School Meals and Pupil Premium

The cost of a school meal from September 2022 will be £2.45 per day (£12.25 per week). However, your child may be eligible for free school meals if your circumstances have changed and you are in receipt of qualifying benefits.

Is my child eligible for free school meals?

Eligibility is based on one of the following benefits :

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- 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 Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Does my child have to eat the free school meals?

No. Pupils who are registered for free school meals don't have to eat them. If you're eligible but you want your child to have packed lunches you should still register because the school will receive the funding which can support your child in other ways.

How do I register?

In order to make the process easier, the school has invested in an Online Free School Meal Checker. The system allows for you to check your FSM eligibility online, without having to complete a paper copy. The link to the online applications system can be found at www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims-trafford.

If your child is eligible for 'free school meals' and you register them for this, we'll receive extra funding called 'pupil premium'. We use this extra money to improve the educational provision and resources at the school.



What is pupil premium funding?

Pupil premium funding from the government is given to schools to help pupils reach their full potential, regardless of their background or financial situation. It's provided for pupils who:

- Are registered for free school meals
- Have been registered for free school meals at any point in the past 6 years
- Are, or have been, in care
- Have parents in the armed forces

At Moss Park Junior School, we get an extra £1,345 for every eligible pupil who is registered for free school meals. This extra money could make a real difference to the quality of education we offer.

For example, we've previously used pupil premium funding for:

- Educational provision and resources/afterschool clubs/school trips
- Academic interventions
- Wellbeing and self-esteem building interventions

More information

For more information about pupil premium go to our website, which contains details of how the pupil premium has been spent in the past academic year and how it will be spent this year.

If you have any questions or specific concerns, please contact the School Office on 0161 864 1710.

Yours sincerely



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