



19<sup>th</sup> October 2015

Dear Parents/Carers

## **IMPORTANT - SCHOOL FUNDING**

**If you already are entitled to FSM then please ignore this letter. You DO NOT need to re-apply.**

You may be aware that schools can receive an additional amount of money per year for each pupil in the school who is eligible to claim free school meals, irrespective of whether the meals are actually taken. The additional funding is provided to support the child's education and to help raise attainment for this group of children. If your child is eligible for Free School Meals then they will automatically be entitled to free milk in school too.

All children in years Reception, Yr 1 and Yr 2 are entitled to a Universal Free Meal. Your child will still receive this even if you are not eligible to FSM through benefit entitlements. When the children reach Year 3 parents will have to pay for school meals.

Please see the additional form which you would need to complete, to see if you would qualify for Free School Meals.

**In order to maximise resources available to our pupils we would like to ensure that *all those who are eligible for free school meals actually register with the Local Authority now, even if your child chooses to have sandwiches.***

If your child is eligible to receive free school meals, it is important that you **register by returning the enclosed form to school as soon as possible** (even if your child does not actually wish to take up the free school meals and has sandwiches).

Thank You

Yours sincerely

Headteacher