



Aim high & be a Star

### Greenways Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers

### **Pupil Premium - are your children part of a military family, an adopted child, a looked after child, or eligible for free school meals? If so, check your eligibility and help funding for our school.**

You may be aware that the government currently allocates additional funding to schools in the form of ‘The Pupil Premium’. There are several criteria that triggers the funding:

- if parents are part of the military £300
- if the children are “looked after” £1900
- if children are adopted £1900
- if children are eligible for free school meals £1300

In common with most schools it is likely that a number of parents/carers whose children attend Greenways fail to claim FSMs, even though they are entitled to them. Even though Reception class, Year 1 and Year 2 have a meal provided, if you are entitled to claim for FSMs please do so as this will trigger the additional funding as well as continued lunches provided free in Key stage 2 (Years 3-6).

I am writing to all parents and carers to ask them, if they believe that they may be entitled to claim for their children and do not already do so, to make a claim. As I am sure you will agree the children at our school can only benefit if we are able to attract additional funding. Not only that, our catering team provides an excellent range of healthy lunch options that are enjoyed daily by a significant number of our pupils. Your child may well be able to access these free of charge.

If you are eligible for and claim FSMs, you will also be provided with other services by the school, such as:

- Access to additional support for your child’s learning and/or well-being

In order to claim FSMs a parent/carer must be claiming one of the following benefits:

Income Support	Income Based Job Seekers Allowance	Universal credit (if you apply on or after 1/4/18 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any Benefits you get)
Income Related Employment and Support Allowance	Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999	The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit (from 30th April 2005)
Eligible for Child Tax Credit <b>but not</b> Working Tax Credit and the household income (as used by HMRC to assess tax credits) is not more than £16,190. <b>Please note:</b> anyone eligible for Working Tax Credit, or if you have a partner and they receive it, regardless of Income, you will not qualify		In receipt of the 4 week run on of working tax credit (this is where someone becomes unemployed or reduces their hours and so is no longer entitled to working tax credit but will continue to receive it for a further 4 weeks and is entitled to free meals during that time) <b>In this instance please contact the Free School Meal Service on 01782 236813</b>



If you think that you are eligible to apply for free school meals for your child, or if you are not sure, you may want to contact the academy office on 01782 235333.

Yours sincerely

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