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Dear Parents and Carers

**Did you know.....just registering your child for Free School Meals
means that the school gets extra money?
Register now to make sure we don't miss out**

The Government is giving money to schools to help children from lower income families do their very best. This funding is called a 'Pupil Premium'.

For every child registered Reepham High School and College gets £1,050 per year.

With this money we could get further support for your son or daughter. If you are registered for Free School Meals you could also get other benefits that the school or local authority may make available to pupils registered for Free School Meals.

Please register to make sure your child and others in their class don't miss out.

To apply for free school meals in Norfolk, including an application form, please use this

link: <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/school-meals-and-milk>

Registering is quick and easy, if you think you qualify, contact the school office on 01603 870328 who will help you to register. Check if you qualify by viewing the list over page.

If you want your child to have a free, healthy meal at lunchtime that's great – they will get the free meal (saving you more than £350 a year) and extra benefits.

If you don't want your child to have the school meals they can continue as normal, if you qualify and are registered, the school still gets £1,050 extra.

No one will know you have registered, and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming. Please talk to us about registering your child today.

Yours faithfully,

Mr J Croucher
Head of School

Do you qualify?

Your child may be able to get free school meals and you can apply for your school to get extra funding from the Government (called Pupil Premium), if you receive one of the benefits listed below:

- Universal Credit – with an annual earned income of no more than £7,400 after tax
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual gross income of no more than £16,190.

Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

Further information:

- Help with home to school transport (<https://www.gov.uk/help-home-school-transport>)
- Help with school clothing costs (<https://www.gov.uk/help-school-clothing-costs>)
- More (<https://www.gov.uk/browse/childcare-parenting/schools-education>)

Please come and talk to us if you're not sure.