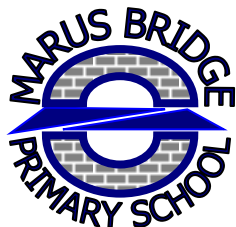Learn, Enjoy, Achieve!

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Dear Parents and Carers

FREE SCHOOL MEALS AND THE PUPIL PREMIUM

The government is giving funding to schools in the form of 'The Pupil Premium'. One of the criteria used to calculate this additional funding is the number of pupils at a school who receive Free School Meals (FSMs).

Your child could be entitled to Pupil Premium! This could mean that £1320 per year could be spent by the school on your child's education. It may be spent on extra tuition, employing a teacher or teaching assistant to work with your child in a small group or even used to buy educational equipment. Your child will get free school meals and you could get help with the cost of educational visits.

Many parents fail to claim Free School Meals, even though they are entitled to them.

If your child doesn't want the meals you still need to claim and then the school will receive The Pupil Premium money to use towards your child's education.

DON'T LET YOUR CHILD MISS OUT*!*

What you should do now:

In order to claim FSMs, a parent/carer must be claiming one of the following benefits:
- Income support
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Income-Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (but no Working Tax Credit is being received by the claimant or his/her partner <u>and </u>the combined annual income as assessed by HMIR on a form TC602 is not above £16,190)
- The Guaranteed Element of Pension Credit
- Asylum Seeker under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Universal Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

To find out more you can go to https://www.wigan.gov.uk/resident/benefit-grants/free-school-meals.aspx. This is also where you will apply for the funding if you are eligible.

Mrs Sanderson in the office will also be happy to help with my questions you may have. All enquires are confidential.