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Dear parent/carers,

We are very aware that as the cost of living increases, more and more of us are finding it difficult. If you have not claimed previously or if your personal circumstances have changed, your child may be eligible for free school meals and pupil premium funding. Please find below details on who is eligible and how you can apply. Also, please note that as our lunches are all paid for electronically, pupils are unaware who is eligible for free school meals and who isn't.

### Is my child eligible for free school meals?

Your child might be eligible if you access:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed 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 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit (where the family's household income must be less than £7,400 after tax and not including any benefits - £616.67 per month)

### 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 pupil premium funding which can support your child in other ways.

### What is pupil premium funding?

The Pupil Premium is additional government funding that is given to schools for some pupils. The main criteria used to allocate the extra funding is if a child is eligible for free school meals. This criteria is used as national data shows that sometimes, but not always, these pupils can need a bit more support to reach their full potential. Rest assured, that although we are writing to you, we handle this information sensitively in school. Pupil premium funding is also available if the following applies to your child:

- 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

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## **How is the Pupil Premium funding spent at The Snaith School?**

Schools have the freedom to spend the premium in ways they think will best support pupils. We have researched what has the greatest impact and decided to spend the funding in the following ways:

- By investing in staff training to ensure that every pupil is taught by a great teacher.
- By providing specific interventions, matched to need, for some pupils.
- By providing support for issues that can hinder a child's success in school, such as attendance, behaviour and wellbeing.
- By offering some financial support towards the cost of trips, music lessons, equipment and uniform.

## **How do I register?**

To register, please contact your local authority:

East Riding Council - 01482 394799

Or online <https://www.eastriding.gov.uk/learning/schools-colleges-and-academies/school-meals/free-school-meals/>

North Yorkshire Council

Online <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/free-school-meals>

If you have any questions or specific concerns, please contact Miss Maguiness or Mrs Devlin, Finance Manager who will be happy to help.

Yours faithfully



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