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Dear Parent/Carer,

Changes to Pupil Premium Eligibility & Free School Meals

We are writing to inform you of a change to the eligibility for Free School Meals and Pupil Premium funding.

From the start of the 2026 to 2027 academic year, there will be 2 categories of eligibility for free school meals:

Targeted Free School Meals: this covers children in households in receipt of Universal Credit with annual household earnings of £7,400 or less. These children will attract **Pupil Premium funding** for the school. Other education entitlements, such as the holiday activities and food programme (HAF) and the 'extended rights' element of school travel assistance, will be based on Targeted Free School Meals.

Using the Pupil Premium funding, these children are eligible for other benefits from school too:

- £30 per academic year that they are eligible for Targeted Free School Meals, to spend on school uniform from SVPS. This can be used from September to July, and doesn't all have to be spent in one go – we just keep a running total on what has been spent. All you need to do is complete a uniform order form (located in the school entrance hall).
- If your child is entitled to Targeted Free School Meals at the time of a school trip/swimming/residential a 50% discount will be applied. However, if your entitlement changes before the trip, the full amount will be payable.
- Free milk after age 5 – if your child would like this, please let us know.

Expanded Free School Meals: this covers children who are in households receiving Universal Credit with annual household earnings exceeding £7,400. Children will be entitled to **Free School Meals only**.

Yours sincerely,

Vikki Tarling
School Business Manager