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Dear Parents,

I am sure you are aware that the Mayor of London has recently introduced a scheme to ensure that all primary school children in the capital can receive free meals for the next academic year (September 2023 to July 2024). This measure should save families in London around £440.00 per child across the year.

In order for the school to be able to transition to this new arrangement and have it ready for the new school year, all outstanding dinner money must be cleared by the end of this term i.e. before Thursday 20th July 2023.

Whilst your child will be eligible for free meals during the next year, the school could benefit from Pupil Premium funding of up to £1,455.00 per child if you are in receipt of any of the following benefits.

- Universal Credit – net earnings threshold of £7400 from April 2018
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance or Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit – net earnings threshold of £16190.00 from April 2018
- Guarantee element of pension credit
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

Besides the school benefiting, the funding will enable us to purchase badly needed resources, there are also advantages for you, such as meal vouchers during the school holiday periods.

Therefore, please make an application for Free School Meals; to apply please go to www.lewisham.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

Sincerely,

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