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Dear Parent/Carer

## Pupil Premium and Free School Meals

**What is pupil premium funding?** - Pupil premium funding from the government is given to schools to help pupils reach their full potential, regardless of their background or financial situation. It's provided for pupils who:

- Are registered for free school meals
- 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

At Ely College we get an additional £985 for every eligible pupil who is registered for free school meals. Not only will this help families during this time of financial pressures to provide hot food for children during the day, it may also make a real difference to the quality of education we offer.

For example, we've previously used pupil premium funding for:

- Educational provision/resources
- Academic interventions
- Supporting music instrumental lessons
- Wellbeing and self-esteem building interventions
- Enhanced access to counselling services

**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
- Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month)

If you know your child is already eligible for free school meals, please be aware that the free school meal money is added to your child's WisePay dinner money account and can be used.

**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 not only will the school receive the funding which can support your child in other ways, but you also



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have the ability to take up the hot food offer in addition to the packed lunch or as an alternative when necessary.

**How do I register?** - You only need to register once and you can find the details here on the college webpage for Pupil Premium information:

<https://www.elycollege.com/page/?title=Pupil+Premium+%26amp%3B+Coronavirus+Catch%2Dup&pid=23&action=saved>

To register, please access the webpage above and complete the Free School Meal application form. This can either then be directly emailed to the Local Authority (the address is on the bottom of the form) or returned to reception in college and we will forward it on your behalf.

**More information** - For more information about pupil premium go to our website, which contains details of how the pupil premium has been spent in the past academic year and how it will be spent this year.

If you have any questions or specific concerns, please contact Mr Grezio on: [mgrezio@elycollege.co.uk](mailto:mgrezio@elycollege.co.uk) who is our Pupil Premium coordinator.

Yours faithfully



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