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Dear Parents and Carers,

Free School Meals – and a discount on music tuition, Rickleton Plus, after school clubs and £50 uniform vouchers.

All schools receive money from the Government called Pupil Premium, some of their funding is based on the number of children registered for Free School Meals.

At Rickleton Primary School, we use this money towards providing teachers to lead intensive support in small groups or for 1-1 tuition. Also to purchase iPads, extending our use of mobile technology and enhancing learning throughout the school. Pupil Premium is also used to reduce the cost of educational activities for those eligible for Free School Meals.

Registering for Free School Meals is a confidential process and can be completed online at togetherforchildren.org.uk/free-school-meals, the Free School Meals Team can be contacted on 0191 5611417 to offer assistance in completing the online application, or with providing advice and support, or you can complete one simple form, with confirmation that you receive one of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-related Employment and Support allowance
- Income based job seekers allowance
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Support under part vi of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' – the payment that someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit – your household income must be less than £7,400 per year (after tax and not including any benefits)

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, there is no payment for meals, but by registering you can receive a uniform discount voucher for £50.

If your child is in Key Stage 2 you will save £11 per week for meals, and in addition by registering you can have a discount on music tuition, Rickleton Plus and after school clubs will be provided free of charge, and you will be eligible to receive a uniform discount voucher for £50.

Even if your child prefers a packed lunch, registration would allow you a discount on music tuition, Rickleton Plus and after school clubs and you would receive a uniform discount voucher for £50.

Uniform discount vouchers are exchanged at 'Little Gems', based at Crowther Industrial Estate.

In addition, could you please notify school if a parent is a member of the armed forces, as school can also receive funding from the Government for service families.

Please note that the process is confidential and it will not affect any other benefits.

For any further information please contact, Mr A Baker, Deputy Head teacher on 0191 4155050.

Yours sincerely,

Governors of Rickleton Primary School.