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Dear Parent or Carer,

Your child could be eligible for extra funding to support their education.

You may be able to claim this if you receive one of the following benefits, **we absolutely need you to claim if you are eligible**

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Universal Credit
- support under Part V1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you are not 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

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 already receive a Universal Free School Meal (USFM) as part of a government prerogative. **However, you still need to apply for them to receive the funding which goes towards supporting their educational needs.**

Even if your child does not wish to take up the offer of school meals every day, your child can still receive extra funding.

The extra funding that your child receives will benefit their education. There are many ways that the school uses this, such as subsidising school trips, employing extra Learning Support Assistants, buying resources to support learning. More information can be found on the school website under the Pupil Premium section.

How to apply: Access the claim form online by clicking on the following link. <https://www.stockport.gov.uk/start/free-school-meals-application-form>

Yours sincerely

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