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Dear Parents and Carers,

**Did you know...by registering your child for Free School Meals the school gets extra money?
Register now to make sure your child doesn't miss out!**

The government is giving money to schools to help children from lower income families do their very best. This funding is called a 'Pupil Premium'.

For every child registered Holmbush Primary receives an additional sum of money.

Please register as soon as possible to make sure your child doesn't miss out.

How does it work?

1. First check if you qualify – it is not just if you are unemployed, so please look at the list below.

Do you qualify?

You can register for Free School Meals if you get any of these benefits:

- Income Support
 - Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
 - Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
 - Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
 - The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
 - 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 or less.
 - Working Tax Credit 'run-on' – the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.
2. Registering is really quick and easy – if you think you qualify, contact Mrs Stepney in the office, who will help you to register.
 3. If you want your child to have a free, healthy meal at lunchtime that's great they will get the free meal (saving you more than £350 a year), extra benefits and the school get an extra premium.
 4. If you don't want your child to have the school meal they can continue with packed lunches and we will let the kitchen know – as long as you qualify and are registered, the school still gets the extra premium.

No one will know you have registered and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming.

Please talk to us about registering today.

Yours faithfully

Ms R Jackson