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Dear Parents,

Pupil Premium – Funding for children

Christ the King is introducing an Online Free School Meals (OFSM) system. It will simplify the free school meal process for parents. As well as identifying Free School Meals, it will also identify children that are eligible for Pupil Premium funding, which will help us to drive the performance and well-being of your child.

OFSM simplifies the process by removing the paperwork. We are asking all parents to give consent to the school to complete the application on your behalf. **All we require is a completed consent form which includes your national insurance number and your address.**

Upon submission of new applications, the school is notified of any entitlements. We are requesting that all parents complete this form. Even if you are not eligible now, your circumstances may change in the future. **The reason for asking all parents to complete this consent form is so we can maximise the amount of funding we can access within school to benefit our pupils. As you will be aware from the media school budgets are forever being cut- so every penny really does count!**

Applications need only be made once, as OFSM will continue to manage the entitlement for each child automatically until they leave Christ the King. School will contact parents if they become eligible.

Eligibility for free school meals is a common indicator of Pupil Premium entitlement. Due to Universal Free School Meals (children in FS2 up to and including year 2 are entitled to free school meals) we are finding that fewer parents are applying for free school meals. This is why we need all parents to complete the consent form regardless of which school year your child is in. With OFSM, we as a school can quickly and simply identify eligible students, allowing us to maximise our Pupil Premium income as well as ensuring students receive their school meal. Additional funding for each eligible pupil is up to £3000 per year, nearly doubling the funding per child.

Eligible pupils are also entitled to a discount of up to 60% on school trips.

Yours sincerely

Headteacher
Mrs Procter