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Dear Parents/Carers

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

The Government gives money to schools to help children from lower income families. This funding is called the 'Pupil Premium'. Pupil Premium funding is used to support our work in helping disadvantaged children make progress. To see how the funding was used during the last academic year, please visit the Information section of our website at <u>www.hbs.herts.sch.uk</u>.

For every child registered, Hitchin Boys' School gets £935 this year.

The School will only receive this money for those boys who have been registered as eligible for Free School Meals. It is therefore important that, in order for the School to receive this additional funding, all those who think they might be eligible apply as soon as possible. Boys who receive Free School Meals have $\pounds 2.20$ automatically credited to their Smart Card each day.

If you receive one of the benefits listed below your child may be eligible for free school meals:

- Income support.
- Income-based jobseekers allowance.
- Income-related employment and support allowance.
- Support under immigration and asylum law.
- The guarantee part of state pension credit.
- Child tax credit and you have an annual income of £16,190 or less before tax.
- Working tax credit during the 4 week run on period.

You may apply online at <u>www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals</u> or by phoning 0300 123 4048.

If your son receives Free School Meals, please remember to inform Hertfordshire County Council if you change your home address. Regular audits are carried out and if the home address held by them is incorrect it may result in your son being removed from their list of those eligible for Free School Meals.

Yours sincerely

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