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Dear Parents and Carers

Did you know ... just registering your child for Free School Meals means that the school gets extra money?

Register now to make sure we don'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 The Snaith School gets £488 this year.

With this money our school can choose how to allocate support for groups of children to raise attainment.

Please register before 12 January 2012 to make sure the school does not miss out on this additional funding.

How does it work?

1. First, check if you qualify – it is not just if you are unemployed, so please look at the list on the next page.
2. Registering is really quick and easy – if you think you qualify, telephone **01482 394799**, answer a few questions and you will be told instantly whether you are eligible. (Information you need to have available - your name, date of birth, National Insurance number and the name and date of birth of each child attending school.
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), and the school gets £488 extra.
4. If you don't want your child to have the school meals they can continue as normal – as long as you qualify and are registered, the school still gets £488 extra.

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

Please talk to us about registering your child today.

Yours sincerely

J D Pickerill
Headteacher

Do you qualify?

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

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's 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 they 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 someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit