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Dear Parent/Carer

As I'm sure you will know Cloughwood Academy has been providing all its pupils with a free breakfast, a break-time snack, and a school lunch every day, since your child started at school.

From September 2018, however, we will be charging £2.10 per day for those pupils who are not entitled to a free school meal – which your child is not entitled to currently. This is not a decision we have taken lightly and the reasons behind bringing in the charges are mainly down to our 'per pupil' funding being reduced for the second year running. We have managed to fully subsidise the cost of school meals over the last few years and have held off on bringing in these charges as much as possible. Despite this small charge, all pupils will still be entitled to a drink and toast/fruit for breakfast, and a snack at break, free of charge.

Should you feel that your child should be entitled to a free school meal, you will need to contact the school meals helpline on 0300 123 7039 and register them as being entitled to a free meal.

Parents/Carers will be expected to pay for school meals in advance and can pay weekly or termly, by cash or cheque at the school office. In the new year we will be looking at bringing in Parent Pay, which is a way that you will be able to make online payments through a secure app for school meals, trips and uniforms.

I hope you have a great summer and we look forward to seeing you in the new school year.

Your Sincerely

Adrian Larkin
Principal

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Re: pupil premium and free school meals

If your child is eligible for 'free school meals' and you register them for this, we'll receive extra funding called 'pupil premium'. We use this extra money to improve the educational provision and resources at the school.

What is pupil premium funding?

Pupil premium funding from the government is given to schools to help pupils reach their full potential, regardless of their background or financial situation. It's provided for pupils who:

- Are registered for free school meals
- Have been registered for free school meals at any point in the past 6 years
- Are, or have been, in care
- Have parents in the armed forces

At Cloughwood we get an extra £1,320 (for primary pupils) / £935 (for secondary pupils) – for every eligible pupil who is registered for free school meals. This extra money could make a real difference to the quality of education we offer.

For example, we've previously used pupil premium funding for:

- Educational provision/resources
- Additional SEN Teaching Assistant
- Academic and therapeutic interventions
- One to One sessions
- Wellbeing and self-esteem building interventions
- New equipment and ICT

Is my child eligible for free school meals?

Your child might be eligible if you access:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on
- Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month)

Does my child have to eat the free school meals?

No. Pupils who are registered for free school meals don't have to eat them. If you're eligible but you want your child to have packed lunches you should still register because the school will receive the funding which can support your child in other ways.

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