THE BRITTONS ACADEMY

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Dear Parent/Carer,

IMPORTANT: Free School Meals

The Government is expanding Free School Meals to all children in England from households receiving Universal Credit. It no longer matters how much income you earn alongside your Universal Credit.

There is an important change however – **Parents of children who currently receive Free School Meals must reapply to ensure this continues in September.**

If you do not reapply before the new academic year, your child will not be entitled to claim a Free School Meal when they return in September.

Please use the following link to make your application:

Pupil Premium – The Brittons Academy

The application form is on our website – open the ***Our School*** drop-down menu; click on ***Key Information***; click on ***Pupil Premium***.

We would encourage ***ALL*** parents to make an application, even if you don't currently receive Free School Meals or even if you think you are not entitled to them. This is because, in some circumstances, there is additional Pupil Premium funding we can claim as a school based on the number of students we have who are eligible for Free School Meals. In a time of increasing budget pressures, any additional funding we can secure makes a huge difference.

What is Pupil Premium funding?

Pupil Premium funding from the government is given to schools to help students reach their full potential, regardless of their background or financial situation. It is provided for students 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 or have a Special Guardianship Order in place
- Have parents in the armed forces

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Here at Brittons, we have previously used Pupil Premium funding to:

- Purchase new resources both for use in the classroom and at home
- Accelerate student progress with interventions such as tutoring and 'catch up'
- Improve wellbeing and self-esteem through a range of programmes/initiatives
- Support access to trips, workshops and activities to build students' knowledge beyond the classroom

Your child does not need to know that they are in receipt of Free School Meals or that we receive Pupil Premium funding for them – they will not be singled out. Our aim is to ensure they feel a part of our school family and are safe, happy and fully embedded into our wider community; the funding remains a conversation purely for the adults.

Your child does not need to take the Free School Meals if they don't want to, but it is reassuring to know the option is there if you need them to.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's Support and Guidance Manager in the first instance. Please do not hesitate to ask for support if you need any support in completing the online application for Free School Meals.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. C. Whiley
Principal