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Dear Families,

We are aware that the cost of living crisis has placed many pressures on our families over the last 12 months. We continue to endeavour to support everyone in school by providing an enriched curriculum, that maximises learning at the lowest cost to families.

For families eligible for the Pupil Premium Grant [PPG] we are funded to provide additional support. More recently, the number of pupils eligible for PPG has decreased, so our funding is now less. We are committed to support your children in class with a high level of adult support; small group tuition; daily reading; and the invitation to attend TT Rockstars Club each morning. We also pay for much of our pastoral support through this fund – such as the Family Support Worker and additional therapeutic support.

In addition to the above for the academic year 2023 – 2024, we are able to offer:

Funded School Uniform

We will be offering funding for school uniform of £20 per child per year. The funding for uniform will run from September to July, covering the academic year. Reimbursement will be given (via BACS payment) when we receive a copy of a receipt for school uniform. The receipt can be for uniform purchased at a supermarket and does not need to come directly from the school uniform shop. The uniform exchange in the front lobby also provides good quality second hand uniform for anyone to access.

School Clubs

Children can attend up-to 2 extra-curricular clubs per term which are run by members of school staff at no additional charge. School clubs run by outside providers where there is a cost to the school, will continue to need to be paid by families.

School Trips

Pupils eligible for free school meals and pupil premium will not be expected to pay for school day trips and will receive a 50% discount on any residential trips.

If you are eligible for Pupil Premium Grant this also entitles you to free school meal vouchers during the holiday periods and access to the Holiday Activity Fund (HAF) programmes which also run during the holiday period.

If you are unsure of whether you may be eligible for pupil premium, please contact the number below, to discuss your personal circumstances with the local authority team dealing with this matter. It is important to note that children in Reception and Years 1 and 2 will continue to receive a free lunch each day, but this is a different source of funding and does not automatically make you eligible for pupil premium. Children moving into Year 3 this academic year, will need to pay for their lunches unless you apply and meet the criteria for free school meals.

I appreciate that eligibility for this grant is not always clear, so please feel free to pop in and discuss your personal circumstances with a member of my staff or myself. Further information regarding PPG and Free School Meals can be found: <http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/benefits/free-school-meals/overview.aspx>

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If you think you meet the free school meals eligibility criteria, please call **0300 300 8306**. When you call to apply for free school meals, please have the following information ready:

- National Insurance numbers and dates of birth for you and your partner
- dates of birth for your children
- if you receive support from the National Asylum Support Service, your NASS number

Yours sincerely,

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Mrs Worsfold
Headteacher

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