



Help us to help your child..



As you are probably aware, schools receive funding from the government to cover the costs of providing education. This can include all school running costs, such as employing teachers and support staff, books and equipment, computers and expenses on our school building.

The school is given **more** money if we have children whose parents are not as well off financially and are entitled to a free school meal. We are given the money **whether your child has a school meal or not.**

It is in all our interests to bring as much money into the school as possible, to ensure that our children get the best possible education. To help your child in school, we can do a very quick check to see if your child is eligible to receive the extra funding from the government, via Durham County Council.

You child should qualify for the funding if you receive any of the following:

- ✓ Income support
- ✓ Income based jobseekers allowance
- ✓ Income related employment and support allowance
- ✓ Universal credit
- ✓ Support under VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- ✓ The guarantee element of State Pension Credit.
- ✓ Child tax credit

The information we need is very simple:

- ✓ **Full name of Parent/Guardian**
- ✓ **Date of birth of Parent/Guardian**
- ✓ **National Insurance number or Asylum Seekers Reference Number**

If you think that your child may be eligible for the funding then please complete the form at the bottom of this letter, with the relevant information, send it to the office and we will do the rest. For the whole of the time that your child is in our school, we will not require any extra information on this matter.

Many thanks for your help on this very important matter. Our aim is to ensure that we receive all of the funding that your child is eligible for to ensure that they can have the best education possible. If you have any questions, then please don't hesitate to ask a member of the team.

Thank you for your support,

☺ The Early Years Team ☺

Please complete the form below and return it to school ASAP.

Child's name	
Your name	
Your Date of Birth	
Your National Insurance Number	