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Free School Meals and the Pupil Premium

Dear Parents/Carers,

There is a new 'Free School Meals / Pupil Premium Service' www.fsm.lgfl.net which is a web site where parents can quickly and easily check eligibility for free school meals and, if eligible, also gain welcome additional funding for their child's school, known as 'Pupil Premium'. If eligible, you are not obliged to accept the free school meal for your child if you wish to make other arrangements, but we do want to encourage applications as the additional funding gained would still benefit education provision at the school.

What the service does for parents:

After entering essential details into the website, the online application process links to the Department for Education system for checking eligibility and gives an immediate 'yes' or 'no' response and notify the school.

By way of a 'thank you' to parents for taking part and regardless of individual outcomes, The London Grid for Learning(LGFL) would like to provide parents of children attending LGFL connected schools with Sophos Anti-Virus software, free of charge, to protect the computers used by pupils at home.

If your child will be in Reception Class, Year 1 or Year 2 from September 2015 it is important that you still check your eligibility for Free School Meals.

Please visit: www.fsm.lgfl.net enter the necessary details to check your eligibility for Free School Meals.

School will no longer be able to do the checks for you and without notification of eligibility from LGFL we will not be able to authorise Free School Meals.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely

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