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Pupil Premium - New Online Checking Service

Previously you have completed a Free School Meal / Pupil Premium Application form as part of your induction pack when your child/ren started at school. This form would have been sent to the North East Lincolnshire Council for eligibility checking. We are now moving to a confidential online system for checking eligibility, this system automatically checks regularly for any changes in circumstances without the parent/carer or school having to resubmit, this is recommended by the Department for Education and the local authority. We are writing to inform you that the information you have previously supplied will be entered onto the new system, if you object to this please let us know. The information you supply will be used by Stanford Junior and Infant School to process your application with the Department of Work and Pensions for the purpose of assessing your eligibility.

This information is being requested to enable us to perform an official task in the public interest, namely using an eligibility checking website to ascertain your current and any future entitlement to free school meals and also the Pupil Premium payment. This service is provided by the website www.cloudforedu.org.uk using the on line checking system provided by the Department for Education. Any entitlement to Free School Meals will continue only for as long as my eligibility is confirmed. The eligibility checking website is completely confidential and school staff are not advised of your personal or financial circumstances or the criteria under which you are eligible for Pupil Premium.

Schools are able to claim this extra funding through Pupil Premium to support children's development, learning and care. Pupil Premium provides an extra £1,345 per year for children whose parents are in receipt of certain benefits or £2,345 for children who were formerly in local authority care but who left care because they were adopted or were subject to a special guardianship or child arrangements order or £310 for children with parents in the armed forces. This additional money could make a significant difference to us.

This Pupil Premium money is used to support the education of all pupils by funding vital intervention work and additional training for staff to help Stanford Junior and Infant pupils achieve their full potential. It will also be used to support eligible families with paying for school trips, a free breakfast club and help towards after school sports clubs which enhance your childs learning. Even if your personal circumstances change the school retains the annual sum to educationally support your child throughout their years at Stanford Junior and Infant School for up to 6 years.

If you have any questions, please contact Dawn King, School Business Manager.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Yours faithfully,

Leona Hackfath Head Teacher

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