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Dear Parents / Carers,

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We understand that having a child start school is an exciting time, but can also put pressure on families financially. If you are on a lower income, or perhaps have found yourself in changing financial circumstances due to the rising cost of living, you could be eligible for support through registering for Pupil Premium Funding.

Pupil Premium Funding is paid directly to the school and allows us to offer financial support to families with subsidised clubs, trips, free milk and other benefits, such as access to resources and additional learning facilities as your child moves through school.

One element which can be costly when your child starts school is uniform. At Wheatfields we are very proud of our WPS uniform, and grateful for the effort that families go to in ensuring their child can feel part of something really special by wearing it. Therefore, with the support of our Governors, we provide children of families in receipt of Pupil Premium Funding with a free school uniform allocation*.

Each child in receipt of Pupil Premium Funding is allocated three WPS logo polo shirts, two WPS logo sweaters or cardigans, and one complete P.E. Kit** per academic year. We recognise that this is not all your child will need in an academic year, but we hope it will go some way in helping to relieve some of the financial pressure of purchasing uniform, especially if you have more than one child in school.

In order to claim your free school uniform and access other benefits through Pupil Premium Funding, your details need to be registered with the Education Welfare Benefits team so that eligibility can be assessed. To do this, follow the link...
[https://cambridgeshire-self.achieveservice.com/service/Apply for Education Welfare Benefits](https://cambridgeshire-self.achieveservice.com/service/Apply%20for%20Education%20Welfare%20Benefits)

Once the School have received notice that you are eligible, you can order your child's uniform from the School office.

We would urge all families to register their details regardless of current income. You only need to register once and your details will be regularly checked so that, if your circumstances change, even for a short while, you could potentially become eligible. Registration can be done at any point either before your child starts school, or throughout the year.

If you need any support in filling in the form or would like further information, please do come in to speak with a member of the office team.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Emma Verney-Davies
Acting Headteacher

* School must receive confirmation of Pupil Premium Status before allocation can be claimed. Purchases made before this date will not be included in free allocation.

** P.E. Kit includes WPS t-shirt, navy shorts, and WPS logo sports bag.

