Valley Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Please be advised that eligibility for Free School Meals (FSM) and Pupil Premium (PP) has changed. Parents who applied or re-applied in June / July under the new eligibility criteria have been assessed by Bromley Council and should by now, have been notified of the outcome. There are three possible outcomes:

Eligible Targeted – These pupils have been assessed as eligible for free school meals under the targeted category, which enables schools to receive additional **Pupil Premium funding**. As a result, the school can offer the following benefits for these pupils:

- Free school meals
- One free jumper / cardigan per school year
- One free extra-curricular club for one term only, per academic year
- Residential / overnight trips, deposit only needs to be paid.

Eligible Expanded – These pupils have been assessed as eligible for free school meals under the expanded category. These pupils do not attract Pupil Premium funding and qualify for **free school meals only.** The school can offer the following benefits for these pupils:

- Free school meals

  (Please note: Currently, the Government provides Universal free school meals for all children in Reception to year 2. Meals for all children in years 3-6 are currently funded by the London Mayor and this could end at any point.)

Not Eligible – These pupils have been checked on the Department for Education Eligibility Checking Engine (ECE) and either returned a not eligible or not found result, so are considered **not eligible until further notice.**

There is no longer an Ever 6 Category and parents will be required to re-apply every year to have their eligibility re-assessed. For further information, please visit the Bromley Council website:

Free school meals and other forms of support for your child

Kind Regards,

Mrs Mulla
Deputy Head Teacher