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Dear Parents and Carers

We are writing to let you know about changes to aspects of Pupil Premium funding from the start of the 2026 to 2027 academic year.

What is changing?

Expanded entitlement for families on Universal Credit

From the start of academic year 2026 to 2027, all children in households receiving Universal Credit will be entitled, regardless of earnings.

Going forward, there will be two types of eligibility:

- for households in receipt of universal credit earning £7,400 or less (includes free meals and additional support such as pupil premium).
Other educational entitlements such as the Holiday Activities and Food program (HAF) and the 'extended rights' element of school travel assistance, will also continue to be based on targeted FSM.
- for households in receipt of universal credit earning above £7,400

Families with no recourse to public funds may also be eligible for Targeted FSM subject to meeting separate criteria.

You may now be eligible under the expanded criteria. Please come to the School Office for a form if you think you may be eligible.

Kind regards

William Byrd Primary School