Dear Parents/ Carers

The Pupil Premium Grant is an extra amount of money paid directly by the government to the school for children from families who have registered. Do you qualify? You can register your child for Pupil Premium Grant if you get any of these benefits:

• Income Support

• Income-based Jobseeker’s Allowance

• Income-related Employment and Support Allowance

• Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

• The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit

• Child tax credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs) that does not exceed £16 190

• Working Tax credit ‘run-on’ – the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Also:

• Children adopted from care, along with children who left care under a Residence Order on or after 14 October 1991, and those that left care under a Special Guardianship Order on or after 30 December 2005

• Children whose parents are in the armed forces or have been in the last five years

The pupil Premium grant is allocated to schools to:

• Improve the academic outcomes of those pupils eligible for Pupil Premium

• Diminish the difference between those pupils eligible for Pupil premium funding and their peers, across the country.

School leaders are best placed to decide how to use the pupil premium to improve the academic attainment and progress of those pupils eligible for Pupil Premium. The needs of all pupils should be assessed and the grant used to make maximum impact in the school. Pupil needs will differ and will cost differing amounts to address. There is no expectation that schools should spend the grant only on eligible pupils, or on a per eligible pupil basis. Some of the most effective spending will be on whole school strategies, including improving the quality of teaching, which have the potential to impact positively on all pupils.

We believe that this money can make a big difference to your child’s education. Children who are registered for Pupil Premium are also eligible for free school meals from Year 3 onwards. Whilst all infant children currently receive a free school meal funded by the government, this stops after Year 3 unless they are registered for Pupil Premium.

In common with most schools, it is likely that a number of parents/ carers whose children attend St Leonard’s CE Primary academy do not claim the Pupil premium Grant, even though they are entitled to it. If you think that you qualify please fill in the attached form entitled ‘Application Form Free School Lunches’ (this means the Pupil Premium grant) and return the form to Swindon Borough Council. (A hard copy of the form is available from the school office)

Registering for Pupil premium is quick, easy and confidential, it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming. The additional funding really makes a difference to the school and helps provide the best possible education for your child.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Warburton