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Dear Families

A new FSM / Pupil Premium checking service is now available to Preston Manor School families. Data from the Department of Education shows that London schools served by the London Grid for Learning (LGfL) are missing out on a total of about £50m in unclaimed Pupil Premium.

The LGfL's Board of Trustees has introduced a new online service to help schools address this issue and drive up the funds received through Pupil Premium.

To simplify the process where families can check for free school meals eligibility, LGfL can now offer a free eligibility-checking website which provides an immediate response to an applicant for Free School Meals and also notifies the school of their child's eligibility.

The total Pupil Premium funding paid to schools is determined by the number of students known to be eligible for free school meals at the time of the census return which takes place on 15 January 2016. The new eligibility-checker website at www.fsm.lgfl.net is now live and we would urge all parents who think they could be eligible to use the service. Even if you do not intend to claim free school meals for your child, extra funding will be generated by the application.

As a 'thank you' to parents for making a check, and as an incentive to participate (even if they believe their child would not be eligible), LGfL is making available free of charge the Sophos Anti-Virus software provided to LGfL-connected schools, to protect computers at home used by pupils.

Details about enabling this service will be found by logging into www.fsm.lgfl.net. Full details are available to view at <https://pps.lgfl.org.uk/>.

Kind regards

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