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Dear Parents/Carers

Give It A Go – Funding For Out Of School Hours Learning

If your child is entitled to free school meals, it also makes them eligible for funding of £300 from a Government Funding Scheme called "Give It A Go". This funding is to be used for out of school activities during this academic year. If you are in receipt of any of the following you are entitled to receive free school meals for your child:

- Income Support (IS)
- Income based Job Seekers Allowance (IBJSA)
- Employment and Support Allowance – Income Related ESA-IR
- Support under part V1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit - providing you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual joint income as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs that as of 6th April 2010 does not exceed £16190

An award of Working Tax Credit automatically disqualifies entitlement to Free School Meals. .

Give It A Go - What is it about?

- Studies have shown that children and young people who participate in Out of School Hours Learning activities benefit from increased confidence and self-esteem; are able to develop social skills, increase aspirations and interests and are more likely to achieve their full potential in and out of school.
- Government funding is available through a referral system for students who are eligible for Free School Meals or students in care to participate in out of school activities which they themselves have chosen. These can range from school-based to community based activities.
- Funding will cover the cost of participating in the activity and may also fund additional costs e.g. insurance, joining fees and hire of equipment in some cases. In exceptional circumstances transport may also be funded.
- Students are entitled to up to 2 hours of out of school activities a week and 30 hours during the school holidays.
- Students must be 5-16old (17 if still at school)
- Entitled to free schools meals and/or children in care

How Does It Work?

The Student needs to be referred by:

- The School
- Local Service Team which may include PFSA or social works etc
- A referral forms needs to be completed for each activity – referral forms are available at the school

If you feel you qualify for free school meals and subsequently out of school funding, please contact Mr A Blake (A6) at the school, for an application form. Should you require any further information then please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely

J Taylor
Deputy Head

please see overleaf

Examples of Activities

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| DRAMA | Drama, music club, circus skills, film making and media |
| DANCE | Jazz, tap, ballet, street, cheerleading |
| MUSIC | Musical instrument tuition, drumming, guitar, piano, keyboards, violin, trumpet, brass Instruments, singing lessons |
| OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES | Duke of Edinburgh, den building, tree climbing, nature watch and environmental education, parkour, horse riding, skateboarding |
| WATERSPORTS | Sailing, surfing, windsurfing |
| MARTIAL ARTS | Kickboxing, karate, judo, tai chi, |
| SPORT | Swimming, basketball, football coaching, football referee coaching, rugby, netball, cricket, disability sports, multi sports, bowling, bowling competition, extreme sports, climbing, caving, canoeing/kayaking, archery, cycling, golf, paintballing, table tennis |
| ICE SKATING | |
| GYMNASTICS | Trampolining |
| GYM MEMBERSHIP | YMCA membership, Chilton Trinity Sports and Leisure Centre |
| ARTS AND CRAFTS | Art, Pottery |
| CADETS | Army, CCF |
| MISC | Reading, poetry, creative writing Gardening/growing fruit and vegetables Cooking Club Breakfast/after school clubs, Saturday fun clubs and holiday play schemes Residential, camps, study trips, study day trips Brownies, Guides, Cubs, Scouts, St Ambulance, first aid Beauty courses – hair and beauty, health |