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Dear Parent / Carer

We have just submitted our school census for Autumn 2016 and have been liaising with Central Bedfordshire Council regarding the funding the school receives for our children.

Are you missing out on benefits that you are entitled to?

Pupils that are eligible for Free School Meals and have registered through Central Bedfordshire Council are entitled to further benefits than just a free hot meal at lunch time at The Vale Academy. You are able to sign up to **free instrument lessons, free after school activity clubs** and will receive a **20% discount on all academic school trips and workshops** (2016-17).

To qualify you must receive one of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part IV of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit, and your annual gross income does not exceed £16,190 as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit (during the initial roll-out of this benefit)

If you think that you may be eligible, please call Central Beds Council on **0300 300 8306**. All you have to do is register with them and they will contact us to let us know that your child is eligible.

If you would like support to contact Central Beds Council to register for Free School Meals, please contact the main office to request an appointment before or after school.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,

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