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Dear

Future changes to family allowance – for information only

Last year, the States approved changes to family allowance in order to fund certain health and education related subsidies for children. This letter is to make you aware of the changes being made.

What's changing?

There are two main changes which will take effect from 3 January 2022: -

1. Family allowance will only be paid to people with an annual gross household income below £120,000. This household income limit includes the income of the person receiving family allowance and their spouse or any partner they are living with;
2. Family allowance will only be paid for each child, up to their 18th birthday, provided they are still in full-time education at that point.

Why are these changes being made?

These changes will generate savings which will allow the States to subsidise medical consultations for all children.

The redistribution of family allowance will also mean that all children can receive free annual dental check-ups and dental health education in schools; along with extended cultural development opportunities for pupils attending States primary schools.

When are the changes being made?

The changes will take effect from 3 January 2022. Family allowance will continue to be paid based on the current rules until then.

What do I need to do?

You do not need to do anything. Your income support claim is not affected by these changes and you have already declared your income as part of that means-test.

If your child is under 18 years old, family allowance will continue to be paid as before. However, if your circumstances change in the future, and your household income exceeds the new income limit you must let us know without delay.

If you need further information or have any questions, please visit gov.gg/familyallowance email pensionsallowances@gov.gg or call 222506.

Yours sincerely

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