



Free School Meals and Pupil Premium Funding

Dear Parents,

We would like to make you aware of the **Free School Meals** scheme that operates in our school. All eligible children are able to have a free school lunch and they also attract additional **Pupil Premium funding** (currently £1,345 a year for each child). This is paid to schools to help raise attainment and ensure that children have the support they need to reach their potential. We currently use Pupil Premium funding for specialist teaching for individual children and to provide them with additional opportunities. This funding continues to be paid for five years even after a child has ceased to be eligible for free school meals.

Your children may be eligible for free school meals and Pupil Premium funding if you are in receipt of one of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit – your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for the 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)

If you think you might qualify, please speak to Judith in the school office. She will ask you for your full name, your National Insurance number and your date of birth, which will allow her to check your child's eligibility.

Children will continue to be eligible for free school meals until they finish the phase of schooling (primary or secondary) they're in on 31 March 2022.

Yours sincerely,

Rosalind Owen
Head Teacher