



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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"Christ in my head, heart and hands"

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Application for Free School Meals and Pupil Premium

Did you know that just registering your child for Free School Meals means that the school gets extra money?

What you may not know however, is that the Government is giving money to schools to help children from lower income families do their very best. This funding is called 'Pupil Premium'.

For every child registered at St Mary's Primary the school will receive a maximum of £1320 this year. **Once funding has been approved the school will continue to receive funding for six years from the time you stop qualifying for your benefit. As you can see it is very worthwhile claiming now even if you do not think you will be on the benefit for very long.**

With this money we could provide more interventions to accelerate your child's academic progress as well as interventions to develop self-esteem, self-confidence and social emotional skills. If you are successful, not only will it mean your child will receive a free school meal but we can also help in other areas such as with uniform, some school trips, after school sports clubs etc.

If you register for Free School Meals (even if your child does not want a meal) it means that the school will receive the extra funding which will benefit your child.

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are automatically entitled to a free school meal, regardless of income (Universal Infant Free Meals), but if you are on one of the benefits shown overleaf then we would ask you to complete the attached form as school will receive the extra funding and we can help on other areas as mentioned above.

How to apply:

- First, check if you qualify – it is not just if you are unemployed, so please look at the list overleaf.
- Complete the form, available from the school office. You do not need to send any evidence of your qualifying benefits with the application.
- Return the form to the office and we will forward it onto the Local Authority.
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No one will know you have registered and it will not affect other benefits you are claiming.

If you have any questions or queries please contact the school office.

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FREE SCHOOL MEALS/PUPIL PREMIUM ENTITLEMENT

Do you qualify?

You can register your child for Free School Meals if you get any of the following benefits:

- Income support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit without Working Tax Credit, and an annual household income of less than £16190
- Working Tax Credit ‘run-on’ – the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit