

Dear Parents/Carers,

## ***Are you eligible for Pupil Premium?***

The Government is giving money to schools to help children from lower income families do their very best. This funding is called a 'Pupil Premium'.

If you qualify for Pupil Premium funding, your child/children can receive free school meals and additional learning support in school.

No other parent in the school will know that your child is receiving the funding, but it will benefit them enormously. **If you think you are eligible, please do apply as it really can make a difference to your child's education.**

If your child is currently Reception, Year 1 or 2 they will automatically be receiving free school meals already under the Universal Free School Meals initiative. Please do still apply for Pupil Premium funding though as this will support your child in school not just by receiving a free school meal. By applying for this funding, your child doesn't need to eat a school meal every day, they can still have a packed lunch!

You need to reapply for Pupil Premium funding every year so if you haven't already done so for this academic year, please do so. If you have more than one child, you will need to register online for each child.

Please read on to find out how to check if you are eligible and if so, how to apply.

### ***Are you eligible?***

**You can register your child for Free School Meals if you or your partner receive any of these benefits:**

- Universal Credit
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income of £16,190 or less, as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs
- Where a parent is entitled to Working Tax Credit during the four-week period immediately after their employment ceases, or after they start to work less than 16 hours per week, their children are entitled to free school lunches.

Children who receive a qualifying benefit in their own right are also eligible to receive Free School Meals.

### ***How to apply***

Registering is really quick and easy – you can apply online at <http://www.myfreeschoolmeals.com> and get an immediate answer.

If you are eligible, we will be notified within 5 working days.

If your application is successful, please complete our school form (shown below) and return to Mrs Walford in the school office.

If you want your child to have a free school meal at school that's great – they will get the free meal, saving you more than £350 a year.

If you don't want your child to have the free school meal, they can continue with packed lunches.

If you have any queries when applying, please call Mrs Walford in our school office on 0208 460 8899.

**No one will know you have registered and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming.**

You can find out more information by clicking this link

[https://www.bromley.gov.uk/site/xfp/scripts/xforms\\_form.aspx?formID=180](https://www.bromley.gov.uk/site/xfp/scripts/xforms_form.aspx?formID=180)