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| Pupil Premium & Free School Meals

Dear parents/ carers,

### **Pupil Premium and Free School Meals**

If your child is eligible for 'free school meals' and you register for this, we'll receive extra funding called 'Pupil premium'. We use this extra money to improve the educational provision and resources in school.

# What is Pupil premium Funding?

Pupil Premium funding from the Government is given to schools to help pupils reach their full potential regardless of their background or financial situation. It is provided for pupils who:

- Are registered for free school meals
- Have been registered for free school meals at any point in the past 6 years (this does not include Universal Infant Free School Meals available to all children in FS2, Y1 & Y2)
- Are, or have been, in care
- Have parents in the Armed Forces

At Churchfield Primary School, we receive an extra £1455 for every eligible child who is registered for Free School Meals. This extra money could make a real difference to the quality of education we offer.

For example, we've previously used Pupil Premium funding for:

- Educational provision/resources
- Enabling children to attend educational trips and visits
- Academic interventions

# My child is in FS2, Y1 or Y2, should I still apply?

Yes. All children in FS2, Y1 & Y2 receive Universal Infant Free School Meals, this is different to Income-based Free School Meals. If your child is in FS2, Y1 or Y2, and you think you meet the eligibility criteria, you should apply as this will mean school will receive the extra £1455 funding.

### Is my child eligible for Free School Meals?

Your child may be eligible if you access:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance, or Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income
  of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on
- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual earned income not exceeding £7,400)

# Does my child have to eat the Free School Meals?

No. Pupils who are registered for Free School Meals don't have to order them from the school kitchen. If you are eligible but want your child to have a packed lunch, you should still register because the school will receive the funding.



#### **Free School Milk**

Children in receipt of free school meals, also receive free school milk. Parents do not need to do anything for this to happen - if your child is eligible, their milk is automatically ordered and delivered to school for free.

# How do I apply?

Please visit the Barnsley Council website:

https://barnsley-online.victoriaforms.com/Viewer-VicForms.asp?user=anon&Form=Free%20School%20Meals%20(1.1).wdf

If you are having difficulty applying, please contact the school office.

## **More Information**

For more information about Pupil Premium, please visit our school website, which contains details of how we used the Pupil Premium funds.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

