



Dear Parents and Carers,

The government gives schools £1480 for every child who qualifies for benefits-related Free School Meals.

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, you still need to apply for the funding even though your child is already provided with a free school meal.

This funding is called 'Pupil Premium'. The school uses this money to provide extra support with learning in the classroom, access to extra-curricular opportunities and other support in school.

As school budgets are even tighter than ever, we really need those who are eligible to apply for this crucial funding. Please note, you do not have to take the free meal for your child, they can still have packed lunch if they prefer.

To qualify, you need to receive any of these benefits:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- 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 guaranteed element of state Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.

Registering is quick and easy – either contact the school office for an application form or apply online at:

<https://familyinfoservice.westsussex.gov.uk/SynergyWeb/Enquiries/Citizen/FreeSchoolMeals.aspx>

If you need any advice or computer help, please speak confidentially to Mrs Webster (Office Manager) or to Mrs Russell (Assistant Head)

Many thanks
School Office

