

Dear Parents and Carers,

There are many things to think about in preparation for your child starting a new school and what they are going to eat when they're at school is likely to be one of them.

If your child is eligible for free school meals it means they can enjoy delicious, healthy meals without the bills and the fuss of making packed lunches. Many children at our school are already eating free school meals, and your child may be able to have them too.

School meals will give your child a real appetite for learning and help them to achieve their full potential.

There is nothing healthier for your child and your family's budget than free school meals. As professional cooks prepare the meals for your child, it saves you having to worry about the effort and expense of making packed lunches every day.

Your child may be entitled to receive free school meals if you are entitled to receive one of the following:

- 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 you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income that does not exceed £16,190

Savings for your family

If you were planning to pay for your child to have school meals or are already doing so, you could save around £350 per year if your child qualifies for free school meals.

Think of the time you'd save If your child is eligible and has free school meals instead of packed lunches, you could save up to 190 hours a year, which is the time needed to make packed lunches that meet the nutritional standards of school meals – that's just over a week!

Our school will receive extra funding for every child registered for a free school meal, the school will receive money to spend on extra resources. It's called the Pupil Premium and is worth £430 per child.

To make sure your child doesn't miss out,

Best wishes

Mrs Clough

# Universal Infant Free School Meals

## How you can help your school and your child

### Don't let them miss out on Pupil Premium Funding

From September 2014 ALL infant children, those in reception, year 1 and Year 2, will be entitled to free school meals. However, if your child would have been entitled to free school meals under the old system because you are receiving qualifying benefits, the government will give your school a **Pupil Premium of £1,300**. But for the school and your child to benefit from this money we need to know that you are receiving a qualifying benefit. If you are, please let us know by completing the form below.

- For your child's school to receive the Pupil Premium you must be in receipt of one of the benefits listed below.
- Use this form if your child **attends school within Wiltshire, on a full-time basis**. If you live in Wiltshire, but your child attends a school in another Local Authority area (e.g. Somerset, Hampshire or Swindon), you should apply via that Local Authority.
- We are now able to check entitlement via a secure government website, which links to your benefit providers. However, if the eligibility checking service (ECS) has not been able to verify your entitlement, we will then need to contact you to ask for evidence to show you are currently in receipt of one of the eligible benefits.
- If you are currently also applying for free school meals for an older brother or sister (in the junior or secondary education), your infant child can be included with them on the standard free school meal application form. In that case you do not need to bother to complete this form.

I confirm that I am currently in receipt of one, or more, of the benefits below. Please tick the box(es) to indicate which benefit(s) you are currently in receipt of. Without this information we cannot process this claim.

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Income Support</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	income-based <b>Job Seekers Allowance</b> (NOT contribution based JSA)
<input type="checkbox"/>	income-related <b>Employment and Support Allowance</b> (NOT contribution based ESA)
<input type="checkbox"/>	support under <b>Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999</b> - National Asylum Seekers Support (NASS)
<input type="checkbox"/>	the guarantee element of <b>State Pension Credit</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Child Tax Credit</b> (you must NOT be entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190 (April 2012))
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Working Tax Credit 'run-on'</b> - the payment you receive for a further four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

**If you currently receive Working Tax Credit (other than the 'run-on') you are not eligible to claim.**

**Please turn over**

**Applicants details (Parent/Carer)** please complete **all sections** as clearly as possible

<b>Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms</b>									
<b>Legal First Name</b>									
<b>Legal Surname*</b>									
<b>Address</b>							<b>Post Code</b>		
<b>Date of Birth*</b>				<b>Telephone Number</b>					
				<b>Mobile Number</b>					
<b>National Insurance Number or NASS Number*</b> (this can be found on your benefit letter or tax credit)									

**\* We cannot process your application without these**

Please complete details below for **ALL Infant children** that you wish to claim for in respect of Pupil Premium (they may go to different Wiltshire schools).

<b>Legal First Name</b>	<b>Legal Surname</b>	<b>Date of Birth</b>	<b>Male or Female</b>	<b>School Attended</b>	<b>Your relationship to the child</b>

I sign to certify that the information I have given is correct and I understand it is fraudulent to give false information.

I agree that you will use the information provided to assess the eligibility of my child's school to receive Pupil Premium in respect of my child. I understand this information may be shared with organisations you work with to provide services to me.

**Signed**.....**Date**.....

**The completed form can be returned to your child's school. They will forward it to us on your behalf. If you prefer, you can send it direct to:**

**Free School Meals, Children's Services, Wiltshire Council, County Hall,  
Trowbridge, Wiltshire BA14 8JN**

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