

Friday 8th November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Pupil Premium and free school meals

If your child is eligible for free school meals, we want to encourage you to register them.

Children in reception, year 1 or year 2 get free school meals anyway through a different scheme. But if they are eligible for free school meals, we still really want you to register – see why below.

Why register for free school meals?

Children who are registered for free school meals don't have to eat them if you prefer them to have packed lunches. But registering them is still important because for every child registered for free school meals, the school gets an extra **£1,480** through 'pupil premium' funding. Every child registered for free school meals makes a big difference to the school.

Please click [HERE](#) to find more information about pupil premium. Here you can see what we spent it on in the last academic year and how it will be spent this year.

Is my child eligible for free school meals?

If you receive these benefits, your child may be eligible:

- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Income Support
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (as long as you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit) if you have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on - but not if you receive Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit, if your earned income after tax is £616.67 per month (£7,400 per year) or less.

How do I register?

To register for free school meals, please visit:

www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/free-school-meals/

For more information on registering for free school meals please visit; www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals.

Kind regards

The School Office

