Free School Meals & Pupil Premium

Research shows that better food in schools is improving what children eat during the school day, and there's evidence of a clear link between what children eat at lunchtime in school, where they eat it and how they focus with their teachers in the afternoon.

All children in reception, year 1 and year 2 in state-funded schools in England are eligible for free school meals. This includes infant pupils in maintained infant and primary schools, free schools, academies, special schools and pupil referral units.

Free school meals are also available to pupils in years 3 and above whose parents receive certain benefits and register using this application form. **Please return this form to your child's school if you think you qualify for Free School Meals.**

Pupil Premium - completing this form could also raise money for your child's school…

The Pupil Premium is a Government scheme that provides funding to schools of between £935 - £1,320 per pupil whose parents receive one of the qualifying benefits listed on this application form.

The school can use this money to raise the attainment of disadvantaged pupils and close the gap between them and their peers.

Q. How can I apply?
A. Simply complete this application form and return it to your child's school

Q. Why should I apply?
A. You and your school could benefit from Pupil Premium funding worth £935 - £1320 per pupil. As well as this, if your child is in year 3 or above this form is also used to apply for Free School Meals and could save you hundreds of pounds a year.

Q. My child is in Reception, year 1 or year 2 and automatically receives Free School Meals, do I still need to complete this form?
A. Yes! Pupil Premium is only paid to a school if the parent registers using this form and is receiving one of the qualifying benefits listed. Even though your child automatically receives free school meals completing this application form may entitle your school to Pupil Premium funding.

To register for free school meals, including Pupil Premium, please complete this application form and return it to your child's school as soon as possible to avoid delay.

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APPLICATION FOR FREE MEAL PROVISION & PUPIL PREMIUM AT SCHOOL

Midday provision of meals is given free of charge **only** to pupils whose **parents/guardians** are in receipt of:

- Income Support (IS)
- Income based Job Seeker's Allowance (IBJSA)
- An Income Related Employment and Support Allowance
  Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guaranteed Element of the State Pension Credit (GE)
- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400 (UC)

DETAILS OF CLAIMANT:

Family Name _____ First Name _____(Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms)

Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ National Insurance No: _____

I am in receipt of (please circle): IS / IBJSA / Income related allowance / Child Tax Credit / Support under I&A Act / GE / UC

DETAILS OF ALL DEPENDENT CHILD/CHILDREN LIVING AT HOME:

FAMILY NAME	FIRST NAME(S)	M/F	D.O.B.	CLASS

Please indicate if you wish for your child/children to receive free meals: Yes/No

FORM MUST BE RETURNED WITH:

For entitlement through Child Tax Credit

- **Photocopy of Form TC602 – Inland Revenue tax credit award notice**

For entitlement through Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit

- **Photocopy of Pension Credit M1000 award notice**

For entitlement through Universal Credit

- **Photocopy of Universal Credit award statement (most recent assessment period(s))**

For all other entitlements

- **Photocopy of your income support book or a recent letter stating that you are receiving either Job Seekers Allowance (Income Based), Income Support or Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999**

PLEASE SIGN THE FOLLOWING DECLARATION:

I certify that the information given is to the best of my knowledge and belief correct. I undertake to notify the school immediately of any change in my circumstances.

Signed: _____Date: _____