

### **Pupil Premium Funding**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

If your child is eligible for 'free school meals' and you register them for this, we will receive extra funding called 'pupil premium'. We use this extra money to improve the educational provision and resources at 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's 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
- Are, or have been, in care
- Have parents in the armed forces

Schools get an extra £1,320 for every eligible pupil who is registered for free school meals. **This extra money could make a real difference to our school.**

### **Universal Infant Free School Meals**

Currently, pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to free school meals thanks to a different government funding scheme known as Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM). **Don't confuse UIFSM with free school meals and the pupil premium.**

**If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and is eligible for free school meals according to the criteria on the attached form, you should still register because we'll receive the extra pupil premium funding.**

### **Does my child have to eat the free school meals?**

No. Pupils who are registered for free school meals don't have to eat them. If you're eligible but you want your child to have packed lunches, you should still register because the school will still receive the extra funding.

**You only need to register once whilst your child is at Primary School. Please complete the attached form and return to school.**



Families who receive certain benefits may be eligible for free school meals. Your child is eligible for free school meals if you're in receipt of one of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400.
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190

Registering for free meals could also raise an extra £1,320 for your child's primary school to fund valuable support like extra tuition, additional teaching staff or after school activities.

This additional money is available from central government for every child whose parent is receiving one of the benefits listed above. **Please still complete this online check/form even if your child is receiving Universal Free School Meals and is in Reception-Year 2.**

**To check if your child is eligible, you can check online or we can do this on your behalf.**

**If you do this yourself online, please tick this box**   
**and visit this page:** <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/birmingham>

**If you would like us to do this on your behalf, we need information about you and your child. Please complete the attached form and return to your child's school.**

**ABOUT YOUR CHILD/CHILDREN**

Child's first name	Child's last name	Date of Birth	Name of school
		DD/MM/YYYY	
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		DD/MM/YYYY	

**PARENT/GUARDIAN DETAILS**

	Parent/Guardian 1			Parent/Guardian 2		
Last Name						
First Name						
Date of Birth	DD	MM	YYYY	DD	MM	YYYY
National Insurance Number						
National Asylum Support Service (NASS) Number (if applicable)		/		/		
Daytime telephone number						

Mobile Telephone number		
Address		
Postcode		

**FAMILY INCOME AND BENEFIT DETAILS**

If you receive any of the benefits listed below, please place an X in this box.

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support from NASS under part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit)
- Working Tax Credit run-on
- Universal Credit.

**Universal Credit**

If you are in receipt of Universal Credit, is your net earned family income over £7,400 per year?  
Your net earned income is your household income after taxes and deductions. It does not include income through Universal Credit or other benefits that you may receive.

(Please place an X in the appropriate box).  
Yes  No  Unsure

**Child Tax Credit**

If you are in receipt of Child Tax Credit, is your joint gross annual income over £16,190 per year?  
Your joint gross income is your household income before taxes are taken into account.

(Please place an X in the appropriate box).  
Yes  No  Unsure

If you're not sure whether you receive one of the listed benefits, or what your household income is, but you would still like us to check whether your child is eligible for free school meals, please place an X in this box.

**DECLARATION**

The information I have given on this form is complete and accurate. I understand that my personal information is held securely and will be used only for the purpose of checking Free School Meal eligibility. I agree to my child's school using this information to process my application for free school meals. I also agree to notify my child's school in writing of any change in my family's financial circumstances as set out in this form.

Signature of parent/guardian: .....

Date:.....

**Thank you for completing this form and helping to make sure your child's school is as well funded as possible.**

**How the information in this form will be used:**

The information you provide in this form will be used by your child's school to confirm receipt of one of the listed welfare benefits. Once this is confirmed, this helps to decide how much money your child's school will receive each year. The information will also be used in relation to pupils in year 3 or above to decide whether they are eligible for

free school meals. You only need to complete this form once and it will last for the duration of your child's time at their current school. You should contact the school if you have a change in financial circumstances.

*We are committed to ensuring that the personal and sensitive information that we hold about you is protected and kept safe and secure, and we have measures in place to prevent the loss, misuse or alteration of your personal information. We will use the information you provide to only assess entitlement to free school meals.*