

Dear Parents and Carers

Are you eligible for free school meals?

Do you know the benefits for your child and the school through registering for free school meals?

The Government is giving money to schools to help children from lower income families do their very best. This funding is called a 'Pupil Premium'.

This money could enable us to fund additional resources. For example, extra one to one tuition, new equipment and materials for pupils or provide extra classroom support. If you are registered for Free School Meals you could also get help with costs to support your child's education and achievement. For example, the pupil premium can help fund the cost of school trips, extracurricular activities and books.

No one will know you have registered and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming.

Please consider the following:

1. Check if you qualify. It is not just if you are unemployed, so please look at the check list and refer to the website for more information on free school meals in Hampshire schools.
<http://www3.hants.gov.uk/caterers>
2. Registering is really quick and easy. If you think you qualify, you can register on line
<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/hants> or contact Mrs Lody who will help you to register.
3. Your child will be entitled to a free, healthy meal at lunchtime (saving you more than £350 a year) and extra benefits. The school will also get additional amount to support your child and others to enjoy and achieve.
4. Your child will be entitled to free board and lodgings during residential visits saving you money on the cost of the visit.
5. You can decide not to take advantage of the free school meal, as long as you qualify and have registered, the school will receive the additional funding.

Please do not hesitate to talk to me further if you have any concerns or questions.

Yours sincerely,



Miss Jane Baker
Headteacher

**You will receive a
£20 Uniform Voucher
upon successful registration.**

Do you qualify?

You can register your child for Free School Meals if you get any of these benefits:

A child is eligible for free school meals if their parent or carer receives one or more of the following benefits:

- 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 Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)