



Dear Parents/Carers

We are writing to all parents to make sure that families who would be entitled to Free School Meals, apply for this funding.

Once granted, the Pupil Premium provides additional funding to support your child's education. Even if your child does not want to have school meals and would prefer to bring a packed lunch from home, it would help the school if you did make a claim. Your child can then still choose whichever meal arrangements they would prefer.

If you are in receipt of any of the benefits listed overleaf, we would urge you please to apply for the Pupil Premium Funding. It is very quick to apply online at [www.cornwall.gov.uk/schoolmeals](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/schoolmeals). The process is very straightforward and you will get an immediate indication as to your entitlement. If you feel you may be entitled but not able to complete the online application, please contact us and we will be able to help.

It is vital to our school and children that everyone who is eligible applies. The money is there to be granted but if you do not apply, the school will not receive these extra funds and the children could miss out on additional resources that this funding could provide.

The school also receives extra funding for children if either of the parents are in the forces. If you think this applies to you and we don't know about it, please come in and let us know at the office.

If you are already in receipt of Pupil Premium funding, no further action is required.

Thank you so much for your support with this very important issue.

With best wishes,

Chris Chislett  
Headteacher

## Free School Meals Eligibility Criteria

A child is eligible for Free School Meals if their parent/carer (or the child themselves in their own right) receives any of the following benefits:

- Income Support (IS)
- Job Seekers' Allowance (Income-Based) and equal based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA-IR) and equal based Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (CTC) with an annual income of less than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Guarantee Element of Pension Credit (GPC)
- Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (IAA) Support
- Universal Credit - Your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get) as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods

If you are claiming the benefits listed below you are NOT eligible for free school meals, regardless of what other benefits/credits are being claimed

- Working Tax Credit
- Contribution-Based Job Seeker's Allowance and/or Contribution-Based Employment and Support Allowance

However, you will be temporarily eligible to claim free school meals if you receive a Working Tax Credit run-on, which is the payment you may receive for a further four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.