

Free School Meals

Your child may be entitled to receive **free school meals** if you are entitled to receive one of the following:

- Income Support;
- Job Seekers Allowance (Income based);
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999;
- The Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit;
- Income related Employment Support Allowance;
- Child Tax Credit and are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and your annual income, as assessed by the Inland Revenue, does not exceed £16,190 (April 10 figure);
- Working Tax Credit during the four week period immediately after your employment finishes or after you start to work less than 16 hours per week.

Our school will receive extra funding

Our school receives **hundreds in Pupil Premium funding** for every child registered for free school meals.

Think of the time you'd save

You could **save up to 190 hours a year**, which is the time needed to make packed lunches that meet the nutritional standards of school meals – that's just over a week!

Saving for your family

You could **save around £350 per year** if your child qualifies for free school meals.

To apply, **simply ring 581207** (local Area Education Office) with details of your name, date of birth and National Insurance number and an **immediate on-line decision** can be given. Or you can complete a short application form (copies available from the school office).

Once you have applied and been granted free school meals for your children you do not need to re-apply annually. Your children will continue to receive the meals until you cease to be entitled. The council will contact you should this arise.

Pupil Premium

What is the pupil premium?

The **pupil premium** is additional funding given to schools to raise the attainment of disadvantaged pupils and close the gap between them and their peers.

Funding is based on children registered for free school meals, which is why it is really important for parents to register by calling **581207** (local Area Education Office) with details of your name, date of birth and National Insurance number and an **immediate on-line decision**. Or you can complete a short application form (copies available from the school office).

It is paid to schools according to the number of pupils who have been:

- registered as eligible for free school meals at any point in the last 6 years
- been in care for 6 months or longer

This year, schools will receive **£953** for each eligible primary-aged pupil.

Next year, pupil premium funding will increase to **£1,300** for each eligible primary-aged pupil.

Funding to support **looked-after children** will increase to **£1,900** for each eligible pupil.

Eligibility for funding will be extended to all children who:

- have been looked after for 1 day or more
- were adopted from care on or after 30 December 2005 left care under:
 - a Special Guardianship Order on or after 30 December 2005
 - a Residence Order on or after 14 October 1991

How much do schools receive?