

# Pupil Premium Application Information

In order to know whether families qualify the following guidance is available:

- First, check if you qualify – it is not just if you are unemployed, so please look at the list that follows.
- Registering is really quick and easy – if you think that you qualify, contact the school office who will help you to register.
- If you want your child to have a free, healthy meal at lunchtime that's great – they will get the free meal (saving you more than £350 a year), extra benefits and the school gets the 'Pupil Premium'.
- If you don't want your child to have the school meals they can continue as normal – as long as they qualify and are registered, the school still gets the 'Pupil Premium'.

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

## *Do you qualify?*

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

- Income Support
- Universal Credit
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs) that does not exceed £16190 (2014/2015)
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on'- the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Pupils can also register for Free School Meals if they get any of these benefits themselves.

Please register your children for free school meals even if you want your child to have a packed lunch so that our school will still get the Pupil Premium.

Please do come and talk to us if you are not sure.

It is for schools to decide how the Pupil premium is spent, since they are best placed to assess what additional provision should be made for the individual pupils for whom they are responsible. Schools have the freedom to spend the Premium, which is additional to the underlying schools budget, in a way they think will best support the raising of attainment and progress for the most vulnerable pupils. Please click on the links below to see the range and impact of the provision.

All our staff and governors accept responsibility for 'socially disadvantaged' pupils and are committed to meeting their pastoral, social and academic needs within a caring environment. The targeted and strategic use of pupil premium will support us in achieving our vision.