

Free School Meals / Pupil Premium Funding

If your family income is low, or you are in receipt of certain benefits you may be entitled to pupil premium funding & free school meals.

Whatever year your child is in & whether or not they want a school dinner they might be entitled to 'Free School Meals' which attracts additional funding called **Pupil Premium**.

As well as enhancing your child's education this funding can also sometimes be used to:

- subsidise your child's school trips, out of hours school care or clubs
- provide you with vouchers towards the cost of school uniform
- purchase learning resources, which benefit not only your child, but the whole class
- provide you with food vouchers during the school holidays

*Within school the children do not know who is in receipt of Free School Meals / Pupil Premium so there is **no stigma**.*

This funding is available to parents in receipt of one or more of the following benefits:

- *Universal credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)*
- *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 guarantee 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 four weeks after you stop qualifying for working tax credit*

Even if your child is in Reception or Key Stage 1 (up to the end of Year 2) and already gets a 'Universal Infant Free School Meal' you are still eligible to apply.

If you think you might be entitled to this funding **please do apply** – it is really easy and we are able to help if you do not have access to a computer, or the internet, by printing a form for you that the school can send in on your behalf – **please just ask at the office**.

This is the online link <https://shropshire.gov.uk/free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/#>