



## Help School Receive **£1,300 Extra Per Pupil**

Dear Parents/ Carers,

### **Is your child entitled to the Pupil Premium Grant?**

If your Child is eligible for free school meals, it's worth registering them even if they are **not going to have the school lunch or if they receive Universal Free School Meals** in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. This is because Schools receive a 'pupil premium' – an extra payment for each eligible child which the School can use to benefit your child.

### **Does my child have to eat a school meal if I register?**

While it is recommended your child eats a school meal, due to the nutritional value it provides, this is optional – we would ask though that you register regardless of whether or not they want a meal so we can receive this funding.

### **What is the Pupil Premium?**

We will receive approx. £1300 for every child registered for Free School Meals from the Government, providing us with a very important boost to school funds. This will allow us to provide extra support such as extra tuition, learning assistants or after-school clubs. If you register this year then we will receive the Pupil Premium next year.

### **How will this benefit my child?**

Although the school as a whole will benefit from receiving this extra funding, we will use this funding to provide targeted support and provision to individual children who we know will benefit from additional provision.

### **How do I know if I qualify?**

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related employment and support allowance
- The guaranteed element of State Pension 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).
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are **not** also entitled to **Working Tax Credit** and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190
- Where a parent is entitled to Working Tax Credit Run-on, paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- If you get support under **part VI** of the **Immigration and Asylum Act 1999**

**Apply Online:**

<http://www.salford.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/free-school-meals/>

**Apply by Telephone:**

If you are claiming housing benefit and/or council tax reduction which is assessed using one of the qualifying incomes above, for example Income Support or Jobseekers Allowance, then we should be able to process your free school meal applications and renewals over the phone, so please call us on **0161 793 2500** to apply.

**Apply in person:**

If they are unable to confirm your entitlement when you ring, you can also apply for free school meals at Broughton Hub or our Gateway centres:

- Eccles Gateway, 28 Barton Road, Eccles
- Swinton Gateway, 100 Chorley Road, Swinton
- Walkden Gateway, 2 Smith Street, Walkden

Staff at these locations should be able to process your free school meals application on a drop in basis.

If you have any queries regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact us in the office.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. If you need any confidential advice or have any questions, please speak to the school office or myself.

Yours sincerely



**N A Potts**

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