



# Thurton

Church of England VC Primary School



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Dear Parents/Carers,

## Pupil Premium and Free School Meals

All pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are currently entitled to a government free school meal scheme which is known as Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM).

This should not be confused with the government Pupil Premium initiative, which provides free school meals based on a family's income. Families must be registered with the Local Authority in order for their child to receive this category of free school meals. For every child registered, the school receives extra funding called 'Pupil Premium'. At Thurton C of E Primary School we receive an extra £1,320 for every eligible pupil, which is used to improve the educational provision and resources at the school.

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and is eligible for free school meals according to the income-based criteria overleaf (*please see 'Is my child eligible for Free School Meals?'*), **you should still register because we will receive the extra Pupil Premium funding.** If your child is eligible for free school meals, they will remain eligible until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 or until they finish their current phase of schooling, whichever is earliest. If your child is currently receiving income-based Free School Meals, you do not need to take any action, your entitlement automatically rolls forward.

### What is Pupil Premium funding?

Pupil Premium funding from the government is given to schools to help pupils reach their full potential, regardless of their background or financial situation. It's provided for pupils who:

- Are registered for free school meals
- Have been registered for free school meals at any point in the past 6 years
- Are, or have been, in care
- Have parents in the armed forces

This extra money could make a real difference to the quality of education we offer.

For example, we've previously used Pupil Premium funding for:

- Educational resources or training to support learning
- Targeted support for individuals or groups
- Widening experiences and enrichment

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## Is my child eligible for Free School Meals?

Your child might be eligible if you access:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed 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
- Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month)

## Does my child have to eat the free school meals?

No. Pupils who are registered for free school meals do not have to eat them. If you're eligible, but you want your child to have packed lunches, you should **still register** because the school will receive the funding which can support your child in other ways.

## How do I register?

To register, please complete the enclosed application form and return it to the school office as soon as possible. You only need to register once at the school.

More information about Pupil Premium is available on our website. If you have any questions or specific concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to me or the office staff.

Yours sincerely

*Mr J. Barber*

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