



Thurton

Church of England VC Primary School



21st September 2018

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 31st 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
Head Teacher



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FREE SCHOOL MEALS AND PUPIL PREMIUM APPLICATION

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We want to make sure that we are providing your child with the best education and support we can. Healthy school food has obvious health benefits and can help pupils establish healthy habits for life. Healthy school food can also help to improve pupils' readiness to learn.

Families who receive certain benefits may be eligible for free school meals. Your child is eligible for free school meals if you're in receipt of one of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400.
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190

Registering for free meals could also raise an extra (£1,320 for your child's primary school)/(£900 for your child's secondary school), to fund valuable support like extra tuition, additional teaching staff or after school activities.

This additional money is available from central government for every child whose parent is receiving one of the benefits listed above.

To check if your child is eligible, we need information about you and your child. Please complete this form and return to your child's school

ABOUT YOUR CHILD/CHILDREN

Child's Last Name	Child's First Name	Child's Date of Birth			Name of School

PARENT/GUARDIAN DETAILS

	Parent/Guardian 1	Parent/Guardian 2
Last name		
First Name		
Date of Birth		
National Insurance Number*		
National Asylum Support Service (NASS) Number*	/ /	/ /
Daytime Telephone Number		
Mobile Number		
Address		
	Postcode:	Postcode:

* Complete as appropriate

FAMILY INCOME AND BENEFIT DETAILS

If you receive any of the benefits listed below, please place an X in this box:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support from NASS (National Asylum Support Service) under part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on after work ends
- Universal Credit. – see below

Universal Credit

If you are in receipt of **Universal Credit**, is your net earned family income over £7,400 per year? (Please place an X in the appropriate box). Your net earned income is your household income after taxes and deductions. It does **not** include income through Universal Credit or other benefits that you may receive.

Yes No Unsure

Child Tax Credit

If you are in receipt of **Child Tax Credit**, is your joint gross annual income over £16,190 per year? (Please place an X in the appropriate box). Your joint gross income is your household income before taxes are taken into account.

Yes No Unsure

DECLARATION

The information I have given on this form is complete and accurate. I understand that my personal information is held securely and will be used only for Local Authority purposes. I agree to the Local Authority using this information to process my application for free school meals. I also agree to notify the Local Authority in writing of any change in my family's financial circumstances as set out in this form.

Signature of parent/guardian:

Date:.....

Thank you for completing this form and helping to make sure your child's school is as well funded as possible.

How the information in this form will be used

The information you provide in this form will be used by the council to confirm receipt of one of the listed welfare benefits. Once this is confirmed, this helps to decide how much money your child's school will receive each year.

The information will also be used in relation to pupils in year 3 or above to decide whether they are eligible for free school meals.

You only need to complete this form once and it will last for the duration of your child's time at their current school. You should contact the school or local authority if you have a change in financial circumstances.

We are committed to ensuring that the personal and sensitive information that we hold about you is protected and kept safe and secure, and we have measures in place to prevent the loss, misuse or alteration of your personal information. We will use the information you provide to assess entitlement to free school meals. The information may also be shared with other Council departments to offer benefits and services.

Your completed form should be returned to the Headteacher or can be sent to Free School Meals, Norfolk County Council, Floor 8, County Hall, Norwich, NR1 2DL

