

ST BOTOLPH'S C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers of Children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

Pupil Premium – Are you eligible?

As you may already know, schools receive additional money from the Government for all pupils who are entitled to free school meals (Pupil Premium). At present our school's uptake for free school meals is 8.0%, compared to the national average figure of 14.1%, with the average for Kent being 12.0%.

For every child registered as Pupil Premium, our school will get £1320!

With this money we could purchase additional resources for the children of our school, such as IT and sports equipment, music lessons, additional staff etc, as well as updating our current facilities. **If you are eligible and have registered you could also get financial help with school trips and free places in our Breakfast Club and the St Bots After School Club!**

How does it work?

1. First, check if you qualify – please look at the list on the back of this letter.
2. Registering is really quick and easy – if you think you qualify, you can register online at <http://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/free-school-meals>. Alternatively, contact the School Office, who will be happy to check your eligibility and register for you. All you need is your National Insurance Number!
3. If you are eligible and would like your child to have a free, healthy meal at lunchtime that's great – they can have free meals (saving you more than £350 a year).
4. If you don't want your child to have school meals they can continue to bring in a packed lunch – **as long as you qualify and are registered, the school still gets £1320 per child!**

Apart from a few members of staff, no one will know that you have registered or that your child is able to have free school meals and if you claim benefits it will not affect any of these.

If you have any questions regarding Pupil Premium, please contact the school office.

Yours sincerely

Mrs A Chitty
Head Teacher

FREE SCHOOL MEALS ELIGIBILITY

Do you qualify?

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

- Income Support
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (not including Working Tax Credit) if the household income is below £16,190
- Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 if you are an asylum seeker

Come and talk to us if you're not sure