

ST BOTOLPH'S C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

Pupil Premium – Are you eligible?

Did you know that if you receive certain benefits, our school can receive additional money from the Government under the Pupil Premium Grant (even if your child is in Reception to Year 2 and is already entitled to a free school meal)? **The criteria has now changed so, even if you have previously applied and been unsuccessful, if you think you may now be eligible, please try again!**

**FOR EVERY CHILD REGISTERED AS PUPIL PREMIUM, OUR SCHOOL WILL RECEIVE
£1,345!**

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. **Also, if you are eligible and have registered, you could get financial help with school trips and free places in our Breakfast Club and St Bots After School Club!**

How does it work?

You can register if you get any of these benefits:

- Universal Credit - your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- 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 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 - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.

Registering is really quick and easy – if you think you qualify (or even if you are not sure), you can check online at <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/kent/>. 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!

There is absolutely no stigma attached to children eligible for Pupil Premium - over 100 children at St Botolph's already are! Apart from a few members of staff, no one will know that you have registered or that your child is eligible to have free school meals and, if you claim benefits, it will not affect any of these.

I cannot stress enough the importance of applying if you think you may be eligible; Pupil Premium funding makes a huge difference to our school. If you have any questions, please contact the School Office.

Thank you.

Kind regards

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Head Teacher