



# Free School Meals & Pupil Premium

Research shows that better food in schools is improving what children eat during the school day, and there's evidence of a clear link between what children eat at lunchtime in school, where they eat it and how they focus with their teachers in the afternoon.

All children in reception, year 1 and year 2 in state-funded schools in England are eligible for Universal Infant Free School Meals. This includes infant pupils in maintained infant and primary schools, free schools, academies, special schools and pupil referral units.

Free School Meals are also available to pupils in years 3 and above whose parents receive certain benefits and register using this application form. Please return this form to your child's school if you think you qualify for Free School Meals.



## **Pupil Premium - completing this form could also raise money for your child's school...**



The Pupil Premium is a Government scheme that provides funding to schools of £1,050 - £1,480 per pupil whose parents receive one of the qualifying benefits listed on this application form.

The school can use this money to raise the attainment of disadvantaged pupils and close the gap between them and their peers

### **Q. How can I apply?**

**A.** Simply complete this application form and return it to your child's school

### **Q. Why should I apply?**

**A.** You and your school could benefit from Pupil Premium funding worth £1,050 - £1,480 per pupil. As well as this, if your child is in year 3 or above this form is also used to apply for Free School Meals and could save you hundreds of pounds a year.

### **Q. My child is in Reception, year 1 or year 2 and automatically receives Universal Infant Free School Meals, do I still need to complete this form?**

**A. Yes!** Pupil Premium is only paid to a school if the parent registers using this form and is receiving one of the qualifying benefits listed. Even though your child automatically receives free meals at school completing this application form may entitle your school to Pupil Premium funding.

**To register for free school meals, including Pupil Premium, please complete this application form and return it to your child's school as soon as possible to avoid delay.**

