

Pupil Premium Funding - Free School Meals

Pupil Premium - Extra Funding for Schools

- ❖ Did you know that the school receives a Pupil Premium payment for the year in which families are eligible for **free school meals**? This year it is **£935 per free school meal** pupil.
- ❖ Children who are **adopted from care or who have left care** attract a higher rate of funding - the 'pupil premium plus, £2,300 per pupil.
- ❖ Also, did you know that the school receives a premium of £300 for children of **Armed Service Personnel**?
- ❖ This **additional funding will be invested in your child** to help them achieve more at school.
- ❖ Please get in touch with the school Finance Office if you think your child is eligible for extra funding.

Free School Meals

Could your child be eligible for free school meals? In these difficult financial times, we want to make sure you are getting all the help you are due. If you want your child to have a free, healthy meal at lunchtime that's great – they will get the free meal (saving you more than £400 a year) and the school gets £935 additional funding to support your child.

There are a number of quick and easy ways to find out. You can:

- ❖ Apply online at:
<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/Schools-and-education/At-school/Free-school-meals/Free-school-meals.aspx>
- ❖ Or contact the school directly. All enquiries are handled sensitively and confidentially

Who qualifies for Free School Meals?

If you currently receive the following benefits you may be able to claim a meal for your child:

- ❖ Income Support
- ❖ Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- ❖ Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- ❖ Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- ❖ The guaranteed element of State 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
- ❖ Universal Credit - with annual earned income of no more than **£7,400** a year after tax and not including any benefits you get. This includes those who had free school meals whilst on Universal Credit before April 1st 2018 even if earnings are above that £7400 figure.
- ❖ *If your child is eligible for free school meals, they will remain eligible until March 2023, or until they finish their current phase of schooling (primary or secondary), if that is after March 2023.*