



Dear Parents/Carers,

During the last few years, the government has provided money to all schools to help students from lower income families do their very best. This funding is called the 'Pupil Premium'. We receive this additional funding for each student on our role registered as eligible for free school meals (FSM). This is currently £1345 per student. We are using this money to help our students make good progress or to support their wellbeing. We are also able to offer additional support towards the cost of trips, school clubs, sporting opportunities and music lessons.

As the family, pupil and school benefit, we strongly encourage eligible parents/carers to apply for this status. No one will know who has registered and it will not affect any other benefits being claimed. You can register your son/daughter for Free School Meals if you get any of these benefits:

- Universal Credit, provided claimants have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month)
- 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
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190, as assessed by HMRC
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

**Forms can be collected from our school office and returned directly to school.**

Applications can also be made directly to Worcestershire County Council by visiting [https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20062/schools/684/applying\\_for\\_free\\_school\\_meals](https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20062/schools/684/applying_for_free_school_meals) or by contacting Worcestershire County Council on

**Telephone:** [01905 845280](tel:01905845280)

**Email:** [FreeSchoolMeals@worcschildrenfirst.org.uk](mailto:FreeSchoolMeals@worcschildrenfirst.org.uk)

Mrs Broadbent and Mrs Yarnold will be more than happy to help any eligible parents/carers and they can be contacted in the school office.

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