



Headteacher - Ingrid Sidmouth

The Pupil Premium and Free School Meals

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Dear Parent and Carers,

You may be aware that the government allocates additional funding to schools in the form of the Pupil Premium. There are various circumstances which can attract Pupil Premium funding, including children who are eligible for Free School Meals (FSM).

As the school will receive additional funding for each child in receipt of FSM (currently £935 per pupil), I am writing to all parents to ask if they believe they may be entitled to claim FSM for their children and do not already do so, to make a claim. Registering does not mean that your child has to have school meals, although it would not be obvious to other pupils if they were in receipt of FSM.

Registration for free school meals also brings other benefits as it means you are able to apply to the school for financial assistance for trips, extra-curricular clubs and other activities.

You are eligible to apply for Free School Meals if you are in receipt of any of the following:

- Income Support (IS);
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance (NOT Contribution Based ESA);
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance (NOT Contribution Based JSA);
- Child Tax Credit except if you meet **ANY** of the following criteria:
 - i. Entitled to working tax credit (regardless of income)
 - ii. Have an annual income in excess of £16,190 (please note this figure is for April 2013 and that it is reviewed in April each year)
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit;
- National Asylum Seekers Support (NASS)

If you believe you are eligible, please contact Mrs Rudman for an application form. When completed it needs to be returned to the school, or posted direct to Wiltshire County Council.

Thank you for your support in this matter,

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