

28th September 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

As part of the October Census, schools collect vital information for the Department of Education which determines the funding the school will receive to educate and enhance your child's learning.

Children that are entitled to Pupil Premium and Free School Meals forms part of the information collected and schools receive a nominal amount per child that is eligible (this is not Universal Free School Meals that all our Infant school children are entitled to – see below UIFSM information). Please also visit our website for further information regarding this. <https://grange-inf.swindon.sch.uk/school-news/free-school-meals-and-uifsm-whats-the-differenc>

Pupil Premium - Free School Meals

Your child may be entitled to Income Related Free School meals if you are in receipt of the following

- **Income Support**
- **Job Seekers 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 are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16190**
- **Working Tax Credit run on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit**
- **Universal Credit (provided your household annual income is less than £7,400 after tax and not including any benefits you get)**

Children who also receive any of the above directly, instead of through a parent or carer, can also get Free School Meals.

Universal Free School Meals (UIFSM)

Children who are currently in years Reception to Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal. The funding school receives is calculated on the number of children who take a meal on the School Census day, this year being Thursday 6th October.



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However, it is important that if you are in receipt of any of the above benefits you still apply for Free School Meals, even if your child is entitled to Universal Free School Meals. The funding allows schools to run schemes that may benefit your child.

Pupil Premium – Service Children

Your child may be entitled to pupil premium if you are currently serving within the Armed Forces or have done in the last 5 years. If this applies to you, please let us know, if you haven't already done so.

Pupil Premium – Looked After and Previously Looked After Children

Children who are currently being looked after outside of the normal family home and those that have been adopted from care may be entitled to pupil premium. If this applies to you, please let us know, if you haven't already done so.

Please could you complete the online application process with Swindon Borough Council as soon as possible. The link below will take you to their website where you can click on "Apply for free school meals".

https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20032/schools_and_education/408/free_school_meals

Thank you for your support.

Kind Regards,

School Office