

Dear Parents and Carers,

***Did you know ... just registering your child for Free School Meals means that the school gets extra money?***

***Register now to make sure we don't miss out***

The Government is giving money to schools to help children from lower income families do their very best. This funding is called a 'Pupil Premium'.

**For every child registered Seend School will get £1,300 for the financial year 2014-2015.**

With this money we could buy extra resources, pay for more support etc.

**Please register before Christmas to make sure your child and others in their class don't miss out.**

**How does it work?**

1. First, check if you qualify – it is not just if you are unemployed, so please look at the list below.
2. Registering is really quick and easy – if you think you qualify, contact Miss Jan Fell in the school office who will help you to register.
3. If you want your child to have a free, healthy meal at lunchtime (a cooked meal or sandwiches will be provided) that's great – they will get the free meal (saving you more than £350 a year), and the school gets £900 extra.
4. If you don't want your child to have the school meals they can continue as normal – as long as you qualify and are registered, the school still gets £900 extra

***No one will know you have registered and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming.***

***Please talk to us about registering your child today.***

Yours sincerely,

**Jackie Chalk  
Head Teacher**

**Do you qualify?**

You can register your child for Free School Meals if you get any of these benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Pupils can also register for Free School Meals if they get any of these benefits themselves.

**Come and talk to us if you're not sure.**