



ST. URSULA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Diocese of Brentwood

*With God at the heart of our St Ursula's family,
we welcome all as we learn and grow together*

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Pupil Premium and Free School Meals

If your child is eligible for 'Free School Meals' and you register them for this, we will receive extra funding called 'Pupil Premium'. We use this extra money to improve the educational provision and resources at the school.

What is Pupil Premium funding?

Pupil Premium funding from the government is given to schools to help pupils reach their full potential, regardless of their background or financial situation. It's provided for pupils who:

- Are registered for free school meals
- Have been registered for free school meals at any point in the past 6 years
- Are, or have been, in care
- Have parents in the armed forces

At St Ursula's Catholic Primary School we get extra funding for every eligible pupil who is registered for free school meals. This extra money could make a real difference to the quality of education we offer.

For example, we've previously used Pupil Premium funding for:

- Educational provision/resources
- Academic interventions
- Wellbeing and self-esteem building interventions

Is my child eligible for free school meals?

Your child might be eligible if you access:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Working Tax Credit run-on
- Universal Credit
- Universal infant free school meals



Currently, pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal thanks to a different government funding scheme known as Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM). You should not confuse UIFSM with free schools meals and the Pupil Premium.

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and is eligible for free school meals according to the criteria above, you should still register because we will receive the extra Pupil Premium funding.

Does my child have to eat the free school meals?

No. Pupils who are registered for free school meals do not have to eat them. If you are eligible but you want your child to have packed lunches you should still register, because the school will receive the funding which can support your child in other ways.

The service is totally confidential and no one will know you have registered and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming.

How do I register?

You only need to register once at the school and it is very easy to apply.

To register, please:

- Complete the attached form and send it direct to Free School Meals, Customer Services, London Borough of Havering, Public Advice & Service Centre (PASC), The Liberty Centre, Romford
- Telephone them direct on 01708 433929, you will need to give them your surname, Date of Birth and National Insurance Number - if successful your claim will start the same day
- Come into the school office and we can make the telephone application for you - we will need the same details as above

Do not miss out – claim today!

More information

For more information about Pupil Premium go to our website, which contains details of how the Pupil Premium has been spent in the past academic year and how it will be spent this year.
<https://stursulascatholicprimary.co.uk/key-information/pupil-premium>.

If you have any questions or specific concerns, please contact Mrs Bell, our Home School Support Worker.

Yours sincerely

School Office