

## **Free School Meal Eligibility and Pupil Premium**

You can apply for Free School Meals if you or your child receives any of the following:

- 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 of £16,190 or less
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - your household income must be less than £7400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get).

There are also other benefits to receiving a Free School Meal. For every child who is eligible, the school will receive additional Pupil Premium funding which can be used to provide further support for your child.

If you think you are eligible, please complete the Free School Meal Eligibility application form available on Edu-link and also on our website under the Parents section and returned this to school as soon as possible.

In most cases, we should already know this; however there have been cases recently where families have been unaware that their child is eligible for Free School Meals. Parents do not need to complete a form if their child is already in receipt of a Free School Meal.