

Dear Parents/Carers,

Pupil Premium Application

We want to make sure that we are providing your child with the best education and support we can. Healthy school food has obvious health benefits and can help pupils establish healthy habits for life. Healthy school food can also help to improve pupils' readiness to learn.

If your child receives a free meal under the universal infant free school meals initiative, we encourage you to complete this form so that we may check eligibility in the future. You only have to carry out this process once for your child.

Families who receive certain benefits may be eligible for free school meals. Your child is eligible for free school meals if you're in receipt of one of the following 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 guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

Registering for free meals could also raise an extra **£1,480** for your child's school, to fund valuable support like extra tuition, additional teaching staff, uniform and after school activities and trips. This additional money is available from central government for every child whose parent is receiving one of the benefits listed above.

To check if your child is eligible, please login in here, [Apply for free school meals – Lincolnshire County Council](#) and complete the online form. The Council will then send you confirmation of the application outcome, if you are eligible for Free School Meals please show the email to a member of the Admin Team – they will then be able to advise you when the Free School Meals can begin.

If you require a paper form to apply for Free School Meals please request one Via the office.